T&H MORRIS
EST 1974
FAMILY BUTCHERS
38 Dunraven Place
Bridgend
Also at
Megasave
North Cornelly
01656 768620
FREE
HOME DELIVERY SERVICE

Bridgend & Porthcawl
GEM

"Your ORIGINAL priceless weekly newspaper"
The area's longest serving Community Newspaper
Established 1983

WILLIAMS & EVANS
Menswear
SUMMER STOCK NOW IN
Monday-Friday 9.30am-4pm;
Saturday 9am-2.30pm
2-4 Queen Street, BRIDGEND
☎ 01656 652072
www.williamsandevans.co.uk

Weekly audited distribution (51 weeks) to 31/12/15 - **45,489** (GEM Series). Audited by David Pinder & Co Ltd. Chartered Accountants.

www.bridgend-today.co.uk • www.porthcawl-today.co.uk

THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH 2016

Read 'The GEM' totally FREE every week online!
www.barry-today.co.uk
www.cowbridge-today.co.uk
www.llantwit-major-today.co.uk
www.bridgend-today.co.uk

Health Beauty & fitness
Pages 18-19

WALES RUGBY & FOOTBALL
PAGE 40

"We've been together now for 70 years..!"

by GEM reporter

A PORTHCAWL couple have just celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Connie and Simeon Jones, who live in Newton, met in 1943, but wartime service intervened.

Simeon joined The Royal Engineers, spending his time in Egypt. After demob in 1946 he married his sweetheart Connie Sully, who hailed from Treforest.

After very short honeymoon, Connie joined Sim at Aberwystwyth where he completed his degree in geology and geography.

During their married life, Connie worked for the Government in what is now the Statistics Office, and Sim taught at Dyffryn School, Margam College and in 1982 retired from Port Talbot County School, which later became Glan Afan.

For some years they were both volunteer drivers for the Sandville self-help group and both are also devoted members of Arlington Presbyterian church in Porthcawl, where Simeon is an Elder.

ABOVE: Connie and Simeon Jones have just celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Wales is a diabetes hotspot – AND BRIDGEND STATS ARE 'SIMPLY STAGGERING'

A staggering 9,800 people in Bridgend county borough are now estimated to be living with diabetes, a health charity has claimed, on the launch of Diabetes Week 2016 (12-18 June)

Diabetes UK Cymru is highlighting the scale of the 'diabetes epidemic' as Wales now has the highest prevalence of diabetes in the UK as 7.1 per cent of people aged 17 and over are living with the condition.

Worryingly, new research released by Diabetes UK shows there is still a lack of understanding surrounding diabetes,

A recent survey of 1,491 GB adults aged over 15 found that 53 per cent of people are unaware that poorly managed diabetes can lead to often devastating complications, such as heart attack and strokes.

The poll also found that one in three people, when asked, thought that it was true that Type 1 diabetes was linked to being overweight, when in fact it is not linked to lifestyle whatsoever and there is nothing that can be done to prevent it.

The charity is concerned that confusions such as this could lead to people making false assumptions about the condition and are calling on everyone to become 'diabetes aware' by urging them to take some time this week to learn about the signs and symptoms, especially when Type 2 diabetes can take up to 10 years to be diagnosed, unlike Type 1, where symptoms tend to develop rapidly.

Diabetes UK Cymru's director Dai Williams said: "There are now the highest ever number of people estimated to be living with diabetes in Bridgend county borough, which really highlights the current scale of the crisis.

"Diabetes Week is a time to share our concerns , but it is also a fantastic opportunity to highlight that with the right healthcare, support and management, diabetes doesn't have to hold anyone back."

High profile supporters are backing the week, including singer and stage star Alexandra Burke.

Alexandra understands more than most how the condition can be misunderstood. Her mother has Type 2 diabetes and is on kidney dialysis as a result of her condition.

Alexandra said, "The biggest misconception I feel people have around Type 2 diabetes is that it can just be left and not treated."

Throughout the week, the charity will be asking people to share their stories of living with diabetes.

For more information on how to share your story or to get more information on the week please go to www.diabetes.org.uk

Mine water could fuel local homes

AMBITIOUS plans are being developed for two renewable energy projects that could cut bills for thousands of homes in Bridgend county borough.

In the Upper Llynfi Valley, heat could be taken from underground mine water to provide energy for nearly 1,000 homes, while a second project is focusing on creating a modern 'heat network' to eventually replace gas boilers in up to 10,000 Bridgend properties.

Both schemes would catapult Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) into one of the leading low carbon local authorities in the UK by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and would also act as a catalyst for new employment and training opportunities.

In the Llynfi Valley, former mine workings offer a geo-thermal source of energy as they have filled up with water which has an average temperature of around 10 – 14 degrees Celsius.

The idea is to pump the water from the mine workings and transport it through a network of pipes to residents' properties where the heat will be extracted and passed through a heat pump, which will then provide heat for the property using its existing radiator system. The mine water would not, at any point, enter the homes of residents.

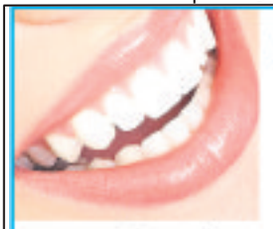
The concept for the Bridgend Town Heat Network is to utilise waste heat (in the form of steam) from the proposed Llynfi Valley biomass power station and use it as an energy source for communities in Brackla, Wildmill and Litchard.

In March, Bridgend County Borough Council was one of 24 local authorities – and the only one in Wales – to share a grant of £1.5m from the Department of Energy and Climate Change for the development of new low carbon heat networks.

The council received £67,000, and a progress update was presented to the council's cabinet members this week.

Keltic fires
A WARM WELCOME AWAITS
Premier Fire & Fireplace Showroom

SUPPLIERS OF:
• Gas, Electric & Solid Fuel Fires
• Solid Timber Beams & Mantles
• High Quality Marble & Stone Surround
Open: Monday-Thursday 9.30am - 5.30pm; Friday 9.30am-4.00pm; Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm. Sunday Appointment only.
Call 01656 655984
Unit 2, New Street, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend, CF31 3UD
Keltic Fires LTD www.kelticfires.co.uk @KelticFires


SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT
Dental Implant and Restorative Services
• Experienced Royal College trained surgeon
• Realistic pricing • Interest free credit
• Simple and complex cases undertaken
We are currently offering FREE consultations.
Call 01446 795240 today.
wyndham house dental practice
Wyndham House, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major CF61 1XZ
Dental implant services provided by Simon Hill GDC No 72727
*Loans subject to status, terms & conditions apply. 9% APR representative.
Authorised and regulated by Financial Conduct Authority.

dainton Self Storage

2 MONTHS FREE BUSINESS STORAGE!
Call 01656 750293, email bridgend@dainton.com
or visit us at Coity Road, Bridgend, CF31 1NS
* Min 6 month storage period. Offer expires 31/12/16. Applies to commercial storage only, subject to availability, excludes 'Grade B' units & may be withdrawn at any time. Ask in store for full Terms & Conditions.
NEW OFFICES NOW AVAILABLE TO LET

Readers' Letters

Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or email gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

- Letters and e-mails MUST include your FULL address and a contact telephone number.

An email address alone is not sufficient!

We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail.

'Snub to Queen did not represent view of majority'

ON June 7, the Queen opened the fifth Welsh Assembly at Cardiff Bay. I am not aware of any other AMs who did not attend, but I know that the AM for my region, Bethan Jenkins, did not.

She was very vocal about her reasons saying, and I quote: *"I will not be attending tomorrow's Royal opening of the National Assembly for Wales as I have a full day of constituency work. As a committed republican, my first duty is always to my constituents, whose issues cannot be put off for what is ultimately a ceremonial event. The National Assembly is here to serve the people of Wales and that is what I shall be doing tomorrow."*

Well, Miss Jenkins, I am one of your constituents in the regional seat in South Wales West and you are – more importantly – my representative in the Senedd. You and your colleague, Dai Lloyd, between you received 29,050 votes (around 17 per cent of the votes cast).

Even if – which is unlikely – all 29,050 of the people that voted for you and Mr Lloyd are anti-monarchists, it is reasonable to assume that not all the remaining 83 or so per cent of those who voted, whom you are supposed to represent, are.

A survey produced a couple of years ago suggested that some 13 to 15 per cent of people in the UK backed a republic. Perhaps too simplistic, but if one applies that percentage to your voters, the upper figure for people who voted for you that are republicans is only 4,300-odd.

By snubbing the Queen, Prince Philip and the Prince of Wales, you were not representing those you call "my constituents", but merely your own views, your party's and those of a minority.

Miss Jenkins, you do not like "ceremonial events" and I hope that you refrain from attending any Remembrance or Armistice Day parades this year, and not only because you advocate the 'white poppy'.

Those who died, whom we remember, were, after all, members of His or Her Majesty's armed forces and those that served in the Army or Royal Air Force would have sworn an oath of allegiance to the Monarch.

Your presence would be hypocritical – and a gross insult to the majority who do not share your views.

Marc Jones MRCVS,
Porthcawl.

Patients go back to school – to prepare for their op!

Consultant orthopaedic surgeon Keshav Singhal with members of his hospital team.

PATIENTS facing replacement hip and knee surgery at Bridgend's Princess of Wales Hospital have been going back to school to find out how to prepare for surgery, and what they can do to help their recovery afterwards.

'Joint School' is a special clinic held every week that gives patients who are close to admission the chance to come into hospital to meet staff, have vital pre-op checks and find out more about what the surgery will entail.

It was set up in 2005 after consultant orthopaedic surgeon Keshav Singhal led a team of 15 doctors, nurses and therapists on a fact-finding trip to a joint school in Holland.

The school now forms an integral part of the joint replacement process at Princess of Wales and Neath Port Talbot Hospital and patient feedback has been very positive about its impact.

Orthopaedic nurse practitioner Sara Williams said: "Patients come along and we discuss what they will experience and help give them a better understanding of the operations.

"It gives us a chance to run through what is going to happen, what equipment and support they might need after, and how their recovery is likely to go.

"We also use Joint School to fill in their consent forms for the operation when everything – including the risks – is fresh in their minds. We do medical checks and MRSA screening at this stage too.

"We are making sure people are fit and healthy and properly educated about what is going to happen."

Besides offering an opportunity for patients and their partners or carers to ask any questions, the school's programme includes a video emphasising what they can do themselves to get better sooner – by following medical instructions, eating and drinking as directed and taking the right exercises.

One of the patients awaiting surgery was David Farrell, who came along to a Bridgend session with his wife Linda.

He said: "I found the Joint School very helpful indeed.

"To know what I can expect when I come into hospital for my operation as well as what I can do to play a part in getting better is really beneficial."

ABOVE: Suzanne Dalton, Sara Williams and Gaynor Jones with patients.

LEFT: David and Linda Farrell

OPPORTUNITY LOST TO MARK THE ROYAL BIRTHDAY

I WOULD have liked to take this opportunity to praise Bridgend County Borough Council for the wonderful event organised to commemorate (in line with organisations, companies and councils across the United Kingdom) the Queen reaching 90 years of age.

Of particular note would be the party held for the 90 oldest residents of the county borough (or was it 45 people of any age who share the Queen's actual birthday and 45 who share her official birthday?).

One of the highlights of the party would have been the councillors and mayors of Bridgend borough not, for once, jockeying for position to be the most prominent in a photo, but actually serving 'their' constituents.

Quite literally, they should, as military officers and doctors do for their junior staff at Christmas, have served the teas, sandwiches and cakes to the invited guests and not been themselves 'guests of honour'.

And everyone would have enjoyed the Armed Forces' and cadets' bands, the South Wales Police band and drums, and bands made up of Scouts, Guides and the Boys' and Girls' Brigades.

I would have liked to take this opportunity, but cannot because Bridgend Borough Council did nothing to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

They and the councillors and mayors will blame 'austerity' for this. This is the same austerity that funds belly-dancing classes, circus skills training, drumming workshops, cake-decorating workshops, tattoo design classes and armchair yoga lessons.

SHAME!

Mrs Helen Woolfe,
Bridgend.

Quaker view on the referendum

WE feel that the decision to be made in the EU referendum on June 23 is of crucial importance to Britain and to the whole of Europe and beyond.

We owe it to ourselves and to all those who will be affected to ensure that whatever the result, the campaign and the debate are based on truth and respect and not on misleading information or fear.

The Quaker movement came out of a time of political and social upheaval in Britain in the mid-17th century, when there were deep divisions between people and much mutual suspicion leading to the scapegoating of particular groups.

The founder of Quakerism, George Fox, came to believe that each of us has a responsibility to make our own choices and decisions, based not on doctrine, but by seeking the truth in the here and now.

Quakers continue to place emphasis on taking individual responsibility for our own behaviour and for working towards communities based on truth, in which peace arises from equality and social justice and a sustainable use of resources is rooted in respect for the natural environment.

Quakers have never had a written creed, but we each try to live our lives in accordance with five key principles of peace, truth, equality, simplicity and respect for the Earth.

We hope that these or similar principles will underpin the discourse and decisions of all the campaigners and voters in the lead-up to the referendum.

Carole Rakodi (Clerk),
Penarth Quaker Meeting.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 23)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
16 Thur	04.17	8.0	16.48	8.2
17 Fri	05.09	8.3	17.34	8.5
18 Sat	05.53	8.6	18.16	8.8
19 Sun	06.34	8.9	18.57	9.1
20 Mon	07.11	9.2	19.33	9.4
21 Tues	07.49	9.2	20.09	9.5
22 Wed	08.28	9.3	20.47	9.5
23 Thur	09.07	9.3	21.24	9.5

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

The Glamorgan GEM • Contact us...

Tel: 01446 774484 • Fax: 01446 774108
www.facebook.com/GlamorganGEM • www.twitter.com/gem_news
News Enquiries/Submissions: gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk
Advertising/Distribution: gemsales@tindlenews.co.uk • Sales Manager: jan.irving@tindlenews.co.uk
Sales Executives: wendy.short@tindlenews.co.uk • vanessa.james@tindlenews.co.uk

Published by: Glamorgan GEM Ltd., Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge. CF71 7EL. Printed by TMP.

www.cowbridge-today.co.uk • www.barry-today.co.uk • www.llantwit-major-today.co.uk • www.bridgend-today.co.uk

We abide by the code of practice upheld by the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO). This contains provisions for issues such as accuracy.

If you have a complaint, write to us at the address below, left, or call editorial manager Don John on 01446 774484. All complaints will be fully investigated. If you are not satisfied with the outcome, you may wish to contact IPSO, Gate House, 1 Farringdon Street, London EC4M 7LG Website: www.ipso.co.uk. Tel: 0300 123 2220. E-Mail: complaints@ipso.co.uk. Enquiries: inquiries@ipso.co.uk.

New primary school for Brynmenyn is a step nearer

PLANS for a brand new Brynmenyn Primary School have advanced with the appointment of BAM Construction Ltd to undertake the initial design work.

The new school will, if approved, be on a plot less than a mile away from the former site of Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School, next to Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen.

A full business case for the school will be submitted by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to the Welsh Government this summer.

If the plans are approved, construction work will commence by January 2017, with the school opening in January 2018.

Coun Huw the deputy leader of BCBC, said: "We're delighted to have reached this milestone and are pleased to confirm the appointment of BAM Construction Ltd.

"We have had 'approval in principle' for the costs of the new school, to be met by the Welsh Government's 21st century schools programme.

"If the proposal is accepted, it will enable us to build a bigger school with more modern facilities less than a mile away from the current establishment on Bryn Road, and help us to cope with a rising demand for school places in the Valleys Gateway area for years to come."

A BCBC spokesperson said: "The existing Brynmenyn Primary School site is unsuitable for expansion because it is very small and surrounded by common land.

"There are also significant issues with traffic congestion outside the school at drop-off and pick-up times.

"A new Brynmenyn school would also have knock-on effects for the nearby Tondu Primary School, which operates on split sites.

"By building a new, larger primary school for Brynmenyn pupils, catchment changes could take place which would in turn help Tondu Primary to become a single-site school.

Local pupils have input into creative sculpture

PUPILS on St Bride's Major School council joined poet and storyteller Amanda Rackstraw at Dunraven Bay for an afternoon of creative writing.

They were encouraged to capture their responses to their five senses while moving around the stunning coastline, rock pools and seashore.

Amanda is tasked with taking their creative comments and capturing them in a short piece of poetry which will be incorporated into a sculpture that is being created for St Brides Major.

It will be located on the green at the foot of Bull Hill, and will stand approximately 2.4 metres tall. In addition to the strata-like rock formations, the poetry bands will run through the rock layers.

The sculpture is one of a series of four which has been commissioned by Creative Rural Communities (CRC) and will be produced by artist Howard Bowcott.

The new sculptures will mark the key entrance points to the Glamorgan Heritage Coast area and have been commissioned as part of an ongoing initiative to raise the profile of the destination to visitors and residents alike.

The other locations include road sides at Ogmore, Llantwit Major and St Athan.

Howard Bowcott specialises in large scale public artworks; his initial concept designs depicted large fin or sail like shapes, comprising of layers of locally sourced stone which will represent the cliff strata reminiscent of our coastline. Local residents and school children have been taking part in a number of public consultations with Howard and have helped to shape the final designs.

ABOVE: Amanda Rackstraw with St Bride's Major School pupils.

Cabinet member for regeneration and education, Coun Lis Burnett, said: "We hope that local residents and the school pupils have really enjoyed being part of the creative process and will have a real sense of pride as the sculptures are unveiled later in 2016.

"The Glamorgan Heritage Coast is a great asset in the Vale of Glamorgan and these features will really highlight the area as something special."

The commission, part of a collection of works funded by the Vale Council and the Coastal Communities Fund, is being led by Creative Rural Communities, the regeneration and economic development initiative in the Vale Council.

PACT meetings

BRYNTIRION, LALESTON and MERTHYR MAWR PACT *at Laleston Gardening Club, Laleston on Thursday, June 9 at 7pm.*

PORTHCAWL EAST CENTRAL PACT *at Porthcawl Fire Station, Porthcawl on Tuesday, June 14 at 6.30pm.*

LITCHARD, PENDRE and COITY PACT *at Litchard Mission, Litchard on Thursday, June 23 at 7pm.*

REST BAY and NOTTAGE PACT *at Nottage Scout Hall, Nottage on Tuesday, June 28 at 8pm.*

BRACKLA PACT *at Brackla Junior School, Brackla Way on Thursday, June 30 at 6.30pm.*

FELINDRE, HENDRE, PENPRYSG (PENCOED) and COYCHURCH PACT*, Miners Welfare Hall, Pencoed, at 2pm on Monday, July 4.*

MORFA WILDMILL PACT *at The Community Life Centre, The Precinct, Wildmill on Thursday, July 7 at 2pm.*

OLDCASTLE PACT *at The Library, Brynteg Comprehensive School on Wednesday, July 13 at 6.30pm.*

PORTHCAWL WEST CENTRAL PACT *at Trinity Church (Room 5) on Tuesday, July 19 at 7pm.*

NEWTON PACT *at Newton School Rooms, Newton on Tuesday, August 12 at 6.30pm.*

NEWCASTLE PACT *at Westward Community Centre, on Monday, August 22 at 6.30pm.*

CEFN GLAS, LLANGEWYDD and BRYNHYFRYD PACT *at Westward Community Centre, on Monday, August 22 at 6.30pm.*

All meetings are open to the public.

Carers' support highlighted at the Princess of Wales Hospital

Deputy Mayor of Bridgend County Borough with staff from Bridgend Carers' Centre and voluntary groups taking part in carers' market.

THE new deputy mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Coun Cherie Jones, opened a 'carers' information market' at Princess of Wales Hospital during Carers' Week 2016.

The carers' information market at Princess of Wales Hospital included a range of voluntary organisations offering information to staff, patients and visitors. Led by Bridgend Carers' Centre, organisations included Age Connects, Bipolar UK and Mental Health Matters Wales.

Helen Pitt, manager of Bridgend Carers' Centre, said: "The information market provided the ideal opportunity for people and staff to speak to organisations who understand what it means to be a carer and the support they need."

TWO OUTINGS PLANNED BY BRITISH LEGION BRANCH

THE Bridgend branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL) is organising a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire on Saturday, July 16.

Any serving or former member of HM Armed Forces and other associations should contact Andy Reekie – before June 16 – on 01656 669988. The trip costs £20 per person.

Any former or serving Forces personnel interested in attending the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday, November 12, should similarly contact Mr Reekie with their name, service number and RBL membership details as soon as possible.

NHSlawyer

YOUR LOCAL MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE EXPERTS

Call Now 01446 791811

Misdiagnosis, birth injuries, cerebral palsy, missed fractures, wrong treatment.

No win - no fee, fully qualified solicitors. Free Claim Evaluation.

Tel: 01446 791811

E-Mail: info@NHSlawyer.co.uk
www.NHSlawyer.co.uk

NHSlawyer is regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA number 569027)

INSTALL SKIP HIRE LTD

We will not be beaten on any written quotation for the Barry area

Tel: 01446 421072

Email: installskiphireltd@hotmail.co.uk

Unit 12F, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry CF63 3RF

MINI
MIDI
MAXI
XL MAXI

All sizes available.
Delivered & Collected.
Waste Collection Service.
Labour Hire to load your Skip.
Grab Hire & Plant Hire.
95% of our waste is recycled.
Council/highway permits arranged.

Waste Carrier Number CB/LE5004GH

Double gold winning Paralympian cyclist Simon Richardson is a winner with Cornelly pupils!

Paralympic cycling champion Simon Richardson at Afon Y Felin Primary School's new bike shed with members of the school's 'Active Journeys' crew.

ABOVE:
Pupils with a torch from the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

A LOCAL Paralympic champion has added a sprinkling of gold-dust to the opening of a new bike shed at Afon Y Felin Primary School in Cornelly.

Porthcawl-born cyclist Simon Richardson, who won two gold medals and one silver at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games, opened the school's new facility.

Before cutting a ribbon to officially open the bike shed, Simon passed around his medals for the children to see, and they also had the chance to hold the torch that he used to light a cauldron in Cardiff ahead of the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Headteacher Nicola Williams said: "We were honoured to welcome Simon to our school.The children were thrilled to see his medals and the Paralympic torch.

"He also spoke to them about how he has turned negatives into positives during his life, and never given up.

"This sort of message is inspirational for our pupils to hear, and we thoroughly enjoyed his visit.

"We are also extremely grateful to the Kenfig Trust, who have provided the funding for the bike shed, and we now look forward to the children putting this new facility to good use, the headteacher added."

Sker WI learn all about 'Hats through the Ages'

THE president, Nora Williams welcomed 44 members to the June meeting of Sker WI.

After the minutes of the meeting were read, members were reminded of the visit to Abbey Cwm Hir.

There is our summer fair coming up on Friday, July 15 at Trinity church hall and a day out to Cheltenham is planned for later in the year.

The speaker for the evening was Janet Jennings on 'Hats through the Ages'.

Hats became popular in the Victorian era. At first they were plainer but by the 1900s became more elaborate and were worn all the time, both indoors and out.

Coco Chanel opened a shop in Paris after World War One selling hats, among other items.

In the 1920s, jewelled skull caps were worn in the evenings. By the 1930s, Greta Garbo and Marlene Dietrich were wearing trilbys, turbans and berets. The pillbox hat was also popular.

The hats during the 1940s tended to be smaller, partly because of the war, some looked like decorated hairnets.

The pillbox hat came back into fashion during the 1950/60s with Jackie Kennedy and air hostesses wearing them.

By the late 1960s and 1970s hats seem to go out of fashion – being worn mainly at weddings.

It was in the 1980s that Princess Diana helped to bring them back into fashion.

Nowadays there are different types of hats including 'fascinators', which can be seen on Ladies' Day at Ascot.

We were shown a variety of the hats that have been worn over the years. Muriel Stubbs gave the vote of thanks after a very interesting talk.

The next meeting of Sker WI will be on Thursday, July 14 at 7pm in St David's church hall, Nottage. The speaker will be Jane Jennings on 'Life on TV and as High Sheriff'.

Anyone wishing to join us is very welcome.

ANN VIPOND

STRAWBERRY TEA TREAT with 'Stella' star Ruth Jones

RMBI (Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution) Albert Edward hosted its annual strawberry tea on Saturday, June 4.

We were delighted to have such a wonderful turnout, with on-the-day profits of £5,502.39, which included both raffle and stall sales.

After the cost of strawberries, £1,865.50 was raised in ticket sales. Profits for this event were £7,367.89.

The event started at 1.30pm with the fantastic Ruth Jones of *Stella* and *Gavin and Stacey* opening the event. We would like to thank Ruth for the kind words about the home and, I am sure, attracting a number of people to the event.

PGM RW Bro Gareth Jones presented Ruth with a magnificent bouquet of flowers to convey our thanks. Ruth then held a 30-minute 'meet and greet' for fans to ensure they managed to get that coveted picture.

At 2.30pm the Bridgend Tenovus Sing With Us choir performed on the front lawn to rapturous applause – my particular favourite being 'Stand by Me'. The entertainment didn't stop there with the fantastic duo of Huw Chidgey and Mel Crew performing in the garden.

At this point things were winding down and we were all grateful for the respite.

There are so many people that we must thank, but none more so than Mr Munn in what might be his final year of involvement with the event. He woke up at the crack of dawn two days running to ensure that the cake stall was, as always, looking full with so many wonderful delicacies.

From tarts to flans and from sausage rolls to quiche, this man is a marvellous cooking machine.

If you feel you could take over the mantle from Mr Munn, please get in touch.

The barbecue was a roaring success with so many outside activities on. I must thank Andy and Connor Robertson from Robertson's Event Catering for providing their services free of charge for the day.

With the help of Dave Bassett and Mark Cornelius, yet again keeping those making a day of it well fed.

Joan Murrell and Sheila Cornelius were yet again like little terriers, sentries on the door. These stunning 'Rottweilers', as we affectionately call them, netted nearly £800. The bottle tombola is still proving successful with Cheryl Williams and Dee Bassett ensuring we achieved nearly £300.

The tombola again sold out very quickly; if you have any donations for Christmas please put them aside so that we can make a bigger and better tombola next time.

Thanks go to volunteers Christian Prive and Sam Lloyd Williams for assisting on this stall.

This year the outdoor activities continued and thanks to the addition of a number of gazebos purchased for the home by the Friends of the Court, we even had an additional tea and coffee serving area.

We are very grateful to Joe and Gemma from Swift Leisure for providing the bouncy slide, mini golf and 'ring the bell'. The children who attended had a wonderful time and were thoroughly entertained.

Anthony Williams of Titleist yet again donated prizes for our putting competition. We would like to thank him and Titleist for their continued support.

The mayor of Porthcawl Coun Robert Lee, attending, drew the raffles with many local people winning prizes.

We would like to thank him for taking the time to come to our fantastic home.

REBECCA TIMMS
RMBI Albert Edward

The Sing With Us choir in full voice.

ABOVE:
Hulling the strawberries...

...and (BELOW)
eating them!

Stella *star Ruth Jones with Coun Robert Lee and consort Ann Lee.*

Meeting a young fan.

POLICE WEB EXPERT ASKS: HELLO, HELLO, HELLO...

'What's going on 'ere?'

The pain in mum's ear was – **a spider**!

WEB woes of the unexpected kind sent IT expert Victoria Price to hospital – where staff removed a stowaway spider from her ear.

The Porthcawl mum had been in agony for more than a day with what she thought might be an infection or a perforated eardrum.

It was only when her husband Huw took a look inside her ear and saw a spider looking back that the truth dawned.

South Wales Police IT trainer Victoria is a member of Newton Lifeguard Club and swims in the sea several times a week.

One evening after getting out of the water, she changed in the beach hut as usual and then headed home for a shower.

Victoria said: "I got out of the shower and the pain in my ear was just incredible. I was like Irish dancing around the bathroom. I didn't know what to do with myself, and Victoria went to work the next day but the pain continued and she felt a gurgling sensation as though she had water in her ear.

Before going to bed, Victoria asked Huw to check in her ear for any sign of infection.

Shocked, he said: "There's something alive in there", pointing to her ear.

Victoria went to the Princess of Wales Hospital and said, pointing to her ear: "There's something alive in there, apparently. I thought it was an infection but my husband says he can see something alive'.

Emergency nurse practitioner Sarah Gaze used forceps to remove the spider.

Sarah said: "It was very straightforward. The spider was visible in Victoria's inner ear and it came out quite easily.

"It was alive and very wriggly. It was quite big too. It must have been twice as big as it first looked." Victoria has a theory as to how the arachnid got in her ear in the first place.

"When I went to get changed in the cabin and put my hoodie on, the spider must have been in the hood and got into my hair.

"When I went into the shower the first thing it wanted to do is find somewhere warm and dry so it went into my ear.

"I think the pain must have been him dancing on my eardrum and the gurgling was him moving around."

An examination showed the spider had not caused any problems. Victoria said: "There was no further damage – or any eggs laid, as everyone keeps asking me."

RIGHT, inset The spider after removal.

Victoria Price – husband Huw told her: "There's something alive in there"

Pioneering RNLI heroine Aileen Jones receives MBE

MEDAL-WINNING lifeboat crew member Aileen Jones has been recognised for her years of bravery and dedication by being awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours this year for services to the RNLI.

Aileen Jones was the first female crew member to receive a gallantry award; one of the RNLI's first female helms; one of the first female launching authorities; and the first female crew member at Porthcawl Lifeboat Station.

As a volunteer, she has immersed herself in supporting every aspect of the station – one of the busiest in Wales – for the past 21 years.

In 2004, her bravery was recognised with the award of the RNLI bronze medal, presented by the Duke of Kent, for Aileen's heroic actions in a particularly difficult rescue. Aileen and her crew went to assist a fishing vessel, *Gower Pride*, that had suffered engine failure in rough seas. They saved two lives that night.

Philip Missen, lifeboat operations manager at Porthcawl, said: "She is much more than an outstanding lifeboat helm. Aileen drives the launching tractor, she is a fundraiser, educator and a community ambassador.

"In 2010 she took on the role of deputy launching authority at the station, where her experience and wisdom have commanded the unqualified respect of the crew. But she is never happier then when operating the nine-tonne Talus launching tractor – she is known as the happiest tractor driver in Porthcawl!"

Aileen said: "The RNLI is something I've been involved in since I was about 12 or 13. My brother was on the crew and I would always follow him down to the station, and hang around.

Aileen Jones – awarded MBE.

I was probably a right pain in the neck!

"I've always been involved in boats and I wanted to join the crew when I was 17, but there just weren't women on the crew in those days. They weren't seen as a good thing. It's very different today. I eventually joined when I was 30 and, when I did, the crew were very supportive. In a way, it was better for me to join then as I'd had my family by then."

Such was her passion for the RNLI that Aileen recruited her husband and her two children to become members of the crew. Her son is now following in her footsteps, training to become a lifeboat helm. As a family, they have given unstintingly to the community and to the RNLI, and Aileen is well known for dropping everything, at any time, to drive round the country to speak on behalf of the charity.

Aileen, who is also a nursery nurse at a primary school, said: "I'd love to still be on the boat but my age is creeping up. I'm just glad I can still play an active role."

She said that receiving the MBE was completely unexpected: "I had a letter from the Cabinet Office and thought, 'Oh no, what have I done?' When I saw what it was, it was a huge surprise."

Aileen added: "I wouldn't have got this award without the support of the crew over all the years I've been at the station. I couldn't do it on my own."

MAESTEG FESTIVAL EVENTS

Photos by Scenic Gallery.

THE Maesteg Festival continued last week with a craft fair on the Saturday (June 11).

Another attraction of the weekend was a BMX event at Caerau.

SCOTTWROE HEARING

Do you have difficulty hearing?

• Established in Penarth for over 15 years
• Comprehensive aftercare plan
• Independent hearing practice
• The latest hearing aid technology

• Microsuction Wax Removal Clinic
• Widex Centre of Excellence
• 5 Star Centre for Phonak
• Approved Gold Centre for Oticon
• 30 day trial

10 Royal Buildings, Penarth CF64 3EE Book your appointment on 02920 707760

North Cornelly retailer 'makes a difference' for homelessness charity

LAST month, a North Cornelly retailer supported a homelessness charity with a donation of £2,000.

Megasave superstore on Heol Llan, north Cornelly made the donation to Shelter Cymru through Nisa's 'Making a Difference Locally' (MADL) initiative, to contribute towards the services provided through the charity.

MADL raises funds in Nisa stores through the sale of items from Nisa's own-label 'Heritage' range and a selection of branded products that carry charitable donations from the suppliers. Monies go into a virtual fund for the store to donate to a local charity or good cause within a 10-mile radius.

Suhail Khaliq, director of Megasave commented: "The donation came about as part of the 'Ride to the Rugby' challenge, where we set out from Cardiff Millennium Stadium and cycled to Dublin to watch the Six Nations match between Wales and Ireland the following day.

"My brother and a few of our friends did the ride to Dublin to raise money for Shelter and we are pleased to be able to support the charity through Making a Difference Locally."

Megasave, a family-run business is actively involved with the local community, making regular donations to local causes through MADL from funds raised instore.

To date, the North Cornelly retailer has donated almost £5,000 to local community groups and other good causes, including Bridgend Foodbank, Touched by Cancer and the Police Community Trust.

To receive more information about the Making a Difference Locally charity and how it helps, visit www.makingadifferencelocally.com.

News from the Townswomen's Guild

HOW time flies – particularly as you get older.

I am looking forward to a summer of sport and I am pleased that the Euro 2016 tournament has started with success for Wales. Hurrah!

It will soon be Wimbledon and then the Olympics.

I am looking forward to good things in the guild too. All our groups have been meeting: the crafts, the games, the literary hearing about Robert Herrick, and the luncheon group with a good meal at The Angel at Maudlam.

I would like to thank guild members for sponsoring me on a walk at Newbridge Fields, Bridgend for the Stroke Association, which is a very worthwhile cause.

The committee discussed the 'cream tea' we are holding on August 17. There is a limited number of tickets, but if anyone would like to come get in touch with me.

We had a change of speaker at our guild meeting and Debra John, who was due in July, came and spoke on 'Aspects of World War One'.

Always a splendid speaker, she held us spellbound by her research into the subject and her delivery. An emotional and unforgettable afternoon.

Next month Rev Clive Williams – who should have come this month – will be here on July 13 at 2pm at All Saints' church hall telling us about 'The Music of Handel'. He is another return speaker and always welcome, so do come and hear him.

DOROTHY THOMAS

Poppies and praise at Cefn Cribwr

CEFN CRIBWR Methodist Church will be joining many other gardens around the country this coming Sunday (June 19) when it opens its garden as part of the countrywide open garden scheme.

The church, which is on the edge of the common in Cefn Cribwr, has a garden to the side and rear with cultivated areas and some woodland.

In recent times, the garden has been used for times of sharing, when members of the church community have worked with others to develop the garden.

The church will also be open as part of the celebration. Visitors will be invited to explore the building, where there will be activities for young and old and also to take refreshments in the vestry.

The church and garden will be open between 11am and 5pm on Sunday, June 19.

Rev Rachel Wheeler

INSTALL
SKIP HIRE LTD
We will not be beaten on any written quotation for the Barry area
Tel: 01446 421072
Email: installskiphireltd@hotmail.co.uk
Unit 12F, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry CF63 3RF
MINI
MIDI
MAXI
XL MAXI
All sizes available.
Delivered & Collected.
Waste Collection Service.
Labour Hire to load your Skip.
Grab Hire & Plant Hire.
95% of our waste is recycled.
Council/highway permits arranged.
Waste Carrier Number CB/LE5004GH

MP visits Pyle hire company

FOLLOWING a business breakfast held by KPC Youth at the Olive Tree in Pyle Garden Centre a couple of months ago, Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon was invited to visit SHB Hire Ltd on the Village Farm Industrial Estate.

Madeleine said: "I met with Mark Tew, depot manager at SHB Hire Ltd at the company on Friday morning. I was surprised to see how large the site was and the number of different vehicles parked up.

"Mark told me briefly the history of the family – Mike Street & Son, who own the company, who had started up by hiring Land Rovers over 50 years ago in Romsey near Southampton. SHB Hire Ltd now has 14 depots across the country and employs over 600 staff, with a diverse fleet of over 15,000 vehicles.

"In the Pyle depot Mark has 33 staff employed as drivers, body shop technicians, salesmen, office staff, apprentices and valeteers. Mark showed me around the site and pointed out the many different vehicles from golf buggies to HGVs.

"They supply vehicles to local construction companies, local councils, housing associations and for events and festivals. Mark said several vehicles were going soon to the Glastonbury Festival.

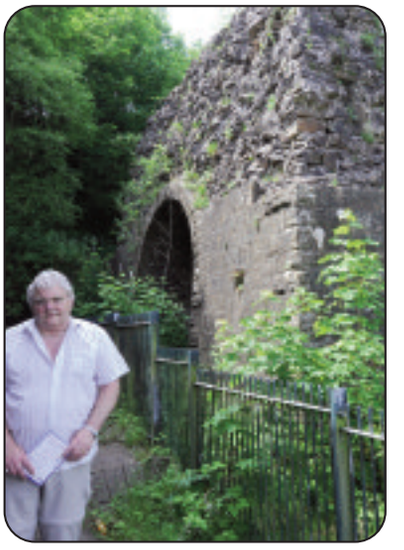
"I was shown one of their new HGVs just bought which was London-compliant and fitted with cameras on the front and back for detection of cyclists moving alongside the vehicle, which is shown on screens in the cab.

"Also an addition of a clear panel in the door for the driver to see who was near the vehicle together makes all road users safer by helping prevent life-threatening collisions."

MAESTEG FESTIVAL'S WALK AND EXHIBITION

THE Maesteg Festival continued last week with a heritage walk, and also an art exhibition. *All photographs by Scenic Gallery.*

An artist with his work.



Historian Roy Meredith outside the Llynfi ironworks, which closed in 1886.

Three of the art exhibition winners.

Brave mum of five Catherine's plea for adult learning funds

A SINGLE mum of five from Rhoose and Inspire award winner has called for a greater emphasis on adult learning opportunities as Adult Learners' Week celebrated 25 years.

The annual campaign celebrates learning achievements and provides outreach activities to encourage others to 'give it a go'.

One learner who has benefited from developments in adult learning is Catherine Watkins from Rhoose. Catherine has been battling cancer on top of a number of other illnesses while studying for two degrees.

She left school after completing one year of A-levels to become a swimming instructor, feeling she had limited opportunities as she couldn't afford further education. When the Open University began to offer grants, Catherine began her training to become a nurse. Sadly, she was forced to quit after she was diagnosed with cancer.

Catherine was undeterred by her illness, however, and went back to study in 2009 and is still in education today.

Catherine said: "I wanted to understand why certain people behave the way they do and so I choose to study psychology as the best way to get that understanding. Studying played a fundamental role in my recovery, it was my motivation.

CATHERINE WATKINS.

"Afterwards, I decided to help children with learning difficulties and set up a club which now helps 130 kids and is a registered charity. It became apparent to me that if the parents of these children also became interested in education, the outcomes for the children were better.

"We decided to engage parents and provide support in adult learning courses to suit their needs with the help of Vale Life Long Learning, DAP and The Open University."

Catherine is continuing to learn despite her ongoing treatment: "I take classes in everything. I am obsessed with learning. I do everything from practical things like first aid to computing and things more related to my training like behaviour management."

In 2012 she was honoured for her determination to learn in the face of adversity at the 'Inspire! Adult Learning Awards', a ceremony recognising the outstanding effort and commitment made by individuals, businesses and communities to develop their learning and skills.

Catherine continued: "I think that in the last 13 years I've been involved in adult learning it has become much more normalised. It's not unusual for mature students to be in education. In 2003 for example this was very different, I was 28 and almost everyone else was a lot younger.

"In the next 25 years I would like to see more changes made to funding. People living on the poverty line still don't have opportunities or accessibility. Especially post graduate degree level. For example, I am unable to fund a Master's programme and I feel it is in part related to inequalities towards disabled people."

Kier digs deep to help community allotment

COASTAL AND KIER TEAM UP TO RESTORE THE GARDEN ON BRIDGEND YOUNG CARERS' CENTRE.

ACCOMMODATION provider Coastal Housing, which has been instrumental in the development of numerous community projects in the region, has joined forces with Kier Construction to help Bridgend Carers Centre redevelop its existing allotment.

Once completed, the garden will provide the centre with its own source of produce to be used by its weekly community café, which supplies meals for both carers and former carers.

Volunteers from both Coastal and Kier joined staff at the centre to continue work on the project, clearing large areas of the site ready to begin planting.

The idea for the collaboration emerged after Coastal invited young carers from the centre to bury a time capsule at the site of Bridgend's £9m Rhiw development, where carers had discussed their hopes to build a community garden.

Steve Pullen-James, from Bridgend Carers Centre said: "The development of this garden will be greatly welcomed by everyone at the centre. Not only will it provide carers with an area for some respite, but it has also helped us to be one step closer to having a self-supporting café rather than having to order in produce – something we've always wanted to achieve."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kids Out on the Gower

THE Rotary Clubs of Bridgend, Porthcawl and Maesteg took three coachloads of nine to 11-year-old children to the Gower Heritage Centre on June 8.

There were in excess of 120 children this year from Maes-yr-Haul, Cefn Crybwr, Llangewyd, Caerau, Garth and Nantyfyllan.

The children enjoyed pottery making, cinema show, tours of the woollen and grain mills, a coracle display, petting young animals and feeding the trout.

The conclusion to the trip was the duck race, with medals and prizes for the four winners.

Each school also received a medal as a momento of the occasion.

Organisation by the Gower Heritage Centre and travel arrangements by Express Travel, were first class and contributed to a most enjoyable and successful day out.

Our thanks go to Tesco Bridgend and Sainsbury's Bridgend for their support and funding from the Kids Out Charity from our South Wales District 1150.

Rotarian Neil Solman

BCBC public toilet opening times

THIS summer's opening hours for public toilets across Bridgend County Borough have been confirmed.

Rest Bay, Porthcawl: Monday to Sunday, 8am–8pm.

John Street, Porthcawl: Monday to Saturday, 9am–8pm, and Sunday, 9am–6pm.

Griffin Park, Porthcawl: Monday to Friday 9.30am–7.30pm, Saturday and Sunday, 9.30am–5.30pm.

Maesteg Bus Station: Monday to Saturday, 9am–6pm; closed on Sundays.

Bridgend Bus Station: Monday to Saturday, 8.30am–7pm, and Sunday, 8.30am–5.30pm.

Cheapside, Bridgend: Monday to Saturday, 9am–6.30pm, and Sunday, 8.30am–5pm.

The new opening hours will be in operation until the first week of September.

'Who?' motivates local pupils

PUPILS of Pencoed Comprehensive School have been inspired to succeed through a new collaboration with a local shop.

Following a conversation between David Owen, a teacher at the school and a friend of Justin Jenkins, owner of Bridgend's Blunt Skate Store Justin donated some items of 'Who?' clothing, courtesy of Scott Magill, to reward some of the students who were showing great motivation and effort to reach or outperform their targets.

Justin said:"Not all youngsters understand the importance of education, so to be in a position to help encourage them is a privilege.

"Scott's company is a great example of what can be achieved through sustained effort and hard work."

HDCS
We've got IT covered

IT solutions for your home and business

Our new Offices and Workshop are:
Unit 37a,
Vale Business Park,
Llandow,
Near Cowbridge CF71 7PF.

COMPUTER AND LAPTOP REPAIRS
VIRUS PROBLEMS
INTERNET & EMAIL PROBLEMS
DATA RECOVERY

Call 01446 333330
or EMAIL - admin@hdcs.co.uk
Fast, reliable local service covering all areas including Cowbridge, Llantwit Major, Barry, Penarth, Cardiff and Bridgend.
WE CAN COME TO YOU! HOME or OFFICE, or call in and see us.
www.hdcs.co.uk

Your chance to share the community news

Laleston Women's Institute

THE June 2 meeting was opened by the new president Dawn Storie, who welcomed everyone. The minutes of our previous meeting were read and agreed.

The chance to dress up and enjoy the midsummer dinner and musical evening at the Orangery, Margam, on June 28, is eagerly anticipated by the members and some of the lucky ladies are off to Chepstow Races on July 14, fingers crossed for good weather.

The talk on 'A funny thing happened on the way to the theatre' by guest speaker Philip Davies was extremely well received and everyone is looking forward to the next instalment.

The next luncheon club will be on Tuesday, July 12 and the monthly book club is to be held on July 19 at Bridgend library. A large group of members are visiting Tyntesfield House on August 17 and then Picton Castle on August 22.

The evening's raffle was won by Jeanette Ackland and the competition by Barbara Rees.

Laleston WI will be holding an afternoon tea at Blandy Hall on Saturday, August 6 from 2pm to 4pm. Everyone is welcome.

Entry by ticket, call the number below for further details.

The next meeting will be held on July 7 at 7.15pm in Blandy Hall (Laleston Gardening Club) and the guest speaker will be Deborah John with a monologue on 'The Edwardian Maid'; the competition is an old sepia photo.

New members are always welcome, why not come and join us? For further information call Diane on 01656 656600.

Maesteg Children's Choir

IT was great to hear the choir sing 'Thank you for the music' from its latest CD on the Roy Noble show last Sunday morning on BBC Wales. It was a good prelude to the choir singing it on the stage on June 17, when they will perform their 30th annual concert at Maesteg Town Hall.

This celebration concert is part of the Maesteg Festival and tickets are now on sale at £7.

The concert starts at 7pm when both past and present members will perform together to celebrate 30 years of making music.

During the evening, they will perform a number of musical medleys including songs from *Wicked* and *The Sound of Music*. The choir's accompanist is Ryan Wood, and the compere is Tony Mullins.

It is hoped that members of the public will come along and support the choir members under their musical director Enid-Sian Hughes.

Bryncethin Memorial Hall

THE management committee is arranging a concert to raise funds for the charity Bridgend Samaritans on Friday, June 17 starting at 7pm.

The evening's compere will be Felicity Watkins and there will be two local soloists: Rob Batchelor and Jacob Lewis, and the Garw Valley Ladies' Choir under its musical director Alec Brookes, also playing the piano and providing a large variety of musical pieces.

All money raised will go to the charity and tickets are £2 each from Felicity or Hazel on 01656 720808/722825 or Sarn library.

Tynyrheol Primary School, Llangeinor

ON June 6 the staff received training for the school's new reading scheme 'The Bug Club' which will begin in September. Pupils will be able to access books online as well as having 'real' books to read.

The staff have been trialling the online system, accessing the materials and resources. The school is convinced the system will be a valuable resource for the pupils. The school would like to thank Simon Street, a school governor who has created the website.

The school welcomes Richard White to Tynyrheol. Mr White is the new class 3 teacher and assistant head. Everyone is looking forward to working with Mr White and moving forward into 2016-2017.

The school would like to thank the PTFA for organising the duck race and the 'Rags to Riches' collection. The duck race was very successful and the PTFA raised £360 for the school! The 'Rags to Riches' collection raised £82.32. Thanks to everyone who was involved!

All visitors to the school are reminded to close the door securely when entering or leaving the building. Please do not be offended if a member of staff asks you who you are!

Cefn Cribwr summer lights

THIS is a Macmillan Cancer Support initiative for friends and family to get together and celebrate with the people who really light up their lives.

This event will be on Friday, June 24 at 7pm at the athletic club. Entertainment includes live music by popular band the Decades, plus there will be a disco until midnight and a few other surprises to make everyone's eyes light up!

Entry is by ticket only, at a cost of £6; they are available behind the bar at the club or from Rachel Wintle. Contact Rachel at: *rwintle@hotmail.com* for more information.

Cefn Cribwr Primary School

THE school's cricket team are to be congratulated for winning fiercely-contested games at Newbridge Fields including the final in the Mid-Glamorgan Wales competition; the team will now play in the regional finals in Miskin. Well done to the boys and girls in the team.

Glamorgan Family History Society

THE Bridgend branch of the society has a change of venue and its next meeting will be on Monday, June 20 at the Ty'r Ardd local and family history centre, Sunnyside, Bridgend CF31 4AR at 7pm.

The speaker is John Dunkley-Williams and everyone is welcome.

Aberkenfig and District WI

PRESIDENT Eunice Williams welcomed the members to the 35th annual birthday meeting of the institute. 'Happy Birthday' was sung to Pauline Soley, Mair Starr (80) and Hilary Crocombe (also 80).

There is quite a lot happening in Aberkenfig WI during the coming months with visits to Ladies' Day at Chepstow racecourse on July 14, the Glamorgan Show in the North Cornelly Community Centre on July 23; a trip to Picton Castle on August 22 and the annual outing to St Fagans on September 21. The raffle was won by Pat Lewis, Dorothy Kingston, Joanne Davies and Gillian Williams. The competition for a small ornament was won by Dilys Mitchell with a pretty small bird.

The speaker for the meeting on July 13 will be Zoe Palin, a physiotherapist and the competition will be for a small piece of jewellery.

Aberkenfig and District WI meets on the second Wednesday of each month except August, at 2pm in the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig. Visitors and new members are always made very welcome.

There is always a speaker or an event, a nice cup of tea and a chance to make new friends or revive old friendships. For further information call Dilys on 01656 725399 or visit www.facebook.com/Aberkenfigwomensinstitute.

Cantorian Coety

I HAD the pleasure of being at the choir's annual concert on June 10 in Tabernacle Chapel, Bridgend. I have heard this choir sing since its first annual concert, and it is amazing how it has increased in size and in the variety of songs it now performs.

Under its musical director Eira Paskin and the accomplished pianist Gareth Waite they put on a terrific show starting it with John Hughes' version of 'Calon Lan' in which the audience was encouraged to join the singing.

The concert had two guest solo singers, nine-year-old Nia Menna Compton, a pupil at Ysgol Bro Ogwr who competed at the recent Urdd Eisteddfod in Flint.

The other soloist was 19-year-old Rhydian Jenkins, a former pupil of Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd and now a first year student at Cardiff University.

He is a former member of the National Youth Choir, and achieved notable success in the Urdd National Eisteddfod, National Eisteddfod of Wales and the Llangollen International Eisteddfod.

He is a member of Côr Aelwyd y Waun Ddyfal which took part in the St David's Festival in Disneyland, Paris. In April he represented Wales at the pan-Celtic Festival in Carlow, Ireland in which he won the open folk solo. He has also been invited by the Welsh Association of Male Choirs to perform at the Royal Albert Hall in 2018 as a result of winning the Geraint Morris Memorial Award. Rhydian also enjoys rugby and has represented the Ospreys under-16s, Scarlets' under-18s, Bridgend Athletic, Carmarthen Quins and Cardiff University First team.

There was also a guest: Côr Meibion Cwm Ogwr (Ogmore Valley male choir) taking part in the concert and it started its performance with the lovely 'Gwahoddiad'

The concert finished with both choirs appearing on the stage and singing 'Moliannwn' and of course the National Anthem.

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

Contact details: CLIVE MITCHELL
1 Tyn-Y-Coed Close, Sarn, Bridgend CF32 9NQ
TEL: 01656 725399
email: tynycoed1@yahoo.co.uk

DAVID PROSSER & CO
SOLICITORS
Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Probate and Estate Disputes & Administration
WE ARE A LOCAL, WELL ESTABLISHED LEGAL PRACTICE
We will:
- Be polite and professional
- Respond promptly to your enquiries
- Provide clear information on costs
- Offer home visits where necessary

Please contact Brendan Sweeney.
Telephone 01656 645921
E-Mail: brendansweeney@davidprosser.co.uk
3 Court Road, Bridgend CF31 1BL
David Prosser & Co is the trading name of DP Law Limited.

The new Princess of Wales Hospital team offering support to cancer patients

A NEW support service has been launched at Princess of Wales Hospital for people with head and neck cancer.

It is led by a team of three and provides expert advice and practical help relating to all aspects of their patients' care.

Clinical nurse specialist Emma Jones, who has been in post for 18 months, has now been joined by specialist speech and language therapist Claire Osborne and advanced dietitian Madelaine Najjar.

They see Bridgend patients at the head and neck cancer clinic at Royal Glamorgan Hospital, and run weekly support clinics at Princess of Wales Hospital.

Although the service is new, the team already has ideas for developing it, including the possibility of expanding into the heart of Bridgend.

One Friday this month, they will see their patients on board the Tenovus bus in Brewery Field rather than in Princess of Wales, to allow access to specialist care away from a hospital setting.

PICTURED: Claire Osborne, Emma Jones and Madelaine Najjar.

Claire said: "We have a number of other development plans, including drop-in sessions so patients can access services more quickly, and there will be a focus on group support."

'Skill Scheme' launches in Bridgend

HOMELESS charity, The Wallich, is launching the 'Skill Scheme' in Bridgend to provide opportunities for local people with low skills to gain employment.

The project will deliver pre-employment training and qualifications while also providing participants with practical, on-the-job experience through volunteering and work placements.

The project will work in partnership with local employers and training providers to offer mock interviews and 'taster days' to those who have been unemployed for some time.

Places on the scheme will be offered to homeless people receiving support from The Wallich, as well as people receiving support from other local charitable organisations.

Learning and employment mentors will work with participants to develop their confidence and refresh their skills, working with local employers to identify opportunities to put their skills into practice.

A maintenance mentor will facilitate skill building and volunteering through general maintenance and upkeep of The Wallich's properties.

Those wishing to share their skills by volunteering with Skill Scheme, or employers wishing to offer training and work placement opportunities should contact Liz Watkins or Kevin Walker on 01656 674184.

LIONS' CHARITY GOLF DAY 'GREAT SUCCESS'

The winning team from the Pier Hotel.

Gwyneth Poacher accepting the donation for Sandville from Porthcawl Lions' president, Rhys Lewis.

ABOVE: The winning ladies team with the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Robert Lee.

THE sun shone on the 16 teams who took part in the Porthcawl Lions annual charity golf day at the Grove golf club.

The winners were the team from The Pier, with South Wales Police second, and The Greys third. The winning ladies were Janise Richards' team.

The very enjoyable day raised £2,000 which allowed the Lions to donate £1,000 each to Sandville Self Help Centre and Prostate Cancer Cymru.

Gwyneth Poacher accepted the cheque for Sandville and Andrew Thomas accepted the cheque for Prostate Cancer.

Porthcawl Lions would like to thank the Grove, all those who took part and all those who sponsored a hole. Your support helped to make it a really successful day.

JOHN COSSON

Eleri William wins inaugural Bridgend poetry compeition

ELERI WILLIAMS of year-7, Porthcawl Comprehensive School is the first winner of the Bridgend Young Poet of the Year competition.

Held at Carnegie House on Thursday, June 2, Porthcawl-based poet Robert Minhinnick hosted the live final, where shortlisted poets read their work aloud to the audience.

The competition is one of many schemes launched by Carnegie House as part of their Arts Council of Wales project in partnership with Awen Cultural Trust.

The competition was open to all comprehensive school pupils across the borough. They were invited to submit a poem of no longer than 40 lines on a theme of their own choosing. These were read by judges Kristian Evans and Robert Minhinnick before shortlisting.

Kristian Evans described Eleri's poem as an "exuberant, carnivalesque, surreal portrait of a city waking into life through its people."

Receiving a cash prize of £50 Eleri, along with all others on the shortlist, received a book or pamphlet of poetry recommended by Robert and Kristian, many donated by Seren Books in Bridgend.

Robert and award-winning poet Rhian Edwards will deliver a series of workshops for budding Bridgend poets, which will take place in Carnegie House. The first is on Saturday, July 2 from 10:30am – 12:30pm. All aged 11 to 18 are welcome.

Carnegie House, Awen Cultural Trust and the professional poets involved hope that this competition will become an annual event following this inaugural year.

Eleri and Robert.

PROMEC LANDROVER
Independent Landrover Specialist

Independent Land Rover and 4x4 Specialist

Do you have a Land Rover Defender/Evoque Freelander/Discovery/Range Rover/Sport and fed up with main dealer prices?

Let our expert team look after your Land Rover at a fraction of main dealer costs!

We have 30 years experience in the Land Rover range:
• We can collect vehicle if required. • Courtesy car available
• Fixed price service • Computer diagnostic
• Repairs/Brakes/Suspension etc • Mot's • Power upgrades

Call Ian on 02920 890567

Llwynmilwas Workshop. Groes Faen, Llantrisant CF72 8NS.
www.promeclandrover.co.uk

LAST CHANCE
TO SAVE 50% OFF Silentnight
ONLY 5 BEDS REMAINING

3ft Miracoil Solo 2 Drawer S/E Divan
plus FREE Selene Headboard
was £569.90
Now Only £249.95

Classic Miracoil Supreme Ortho 4ft 6 4 Drawer Divan
plus FREE VMalvern Headboard
was £1038.90
Now Only £349.95

Classic Miracoil 4'6 Memory Ottoman Bed
plus FREE Arezzo Headboard
was £979.90
Now Only £349.95

Classic Miracoil Pillow Top 4ft 6 4 Drawer Sprung Edge Divan
plus FREE Vicenza Headboard
was £1159.90
Now Only £449.95

Unit 1, Retail Area, Llandow Ind. Est.
Nr Cowbridge. CF71 7PA
Tel: (01446) 771927/772938
SAT NAV CF71 7PA

THE Place for Homes

The Place for Homes, Llandow, Cowbridge...
ONLY 15 MINUTES from Culverhouse Cross

NORMAL OPENING HOURS
MON, TUES, WED & FRI 9am-5.30pm OPEN LATE EVERY THURSDAY 9am-8pm. SAT 10am-5.30pm. SUN 11am-5pm.

Visit our website at www.theplaceforhomesltd.co.uk
Enquiries: email sales@theplaceforhomesltd.co.uk

www.theplaceforhomesltd.co.uk

Brighten up your home with a new spring kitchen

Make a fresh start this spring, give your existing kitchen a brand new facelift with our unique Kitchen Genie makeover.

FREE FITTING

ASK ABOUT QUARTZIZE...

The stunning quartz overlay which goes over your existing worktops. More durable and less porous than granite and up to 40% cheaper!

quartzize by Kitchen Genie

- No need to empty cupboards • No mess, no fuss
- Most kitchens completed in a day
- Choose from Laminate, Solid Wood or Painted Doors
- All doors made to measure

CALL FOR A FREE QUOTATION

Which? Trusted Traders

BRITISH MADE

The Furniture Ombudsman Full Member

Kitchen Genie

The kitchen makeover specialists

"Thanks to Kitchen Genie, our kitchen was amazingly transformed in just 1 day" Mr & Mrs Brooks

Over 30 years experience. Family run business. FREE design service.

www.thekitchengenie.co.uk 01446 688021 NON FREE FROM MOBILES

Lines Open: Mon - Sat 9.00am till 6.00pm • Sun 10.00am till 4.00pm

Vale shepherd is 'Bath and West' champion

LEFT: Shepherd Jane Bisset with Shetland ram, Duncan.

ABOVE: Elise was awarded second place in the Young Handlers competition.

LOCAL shepherd, Jane Bissett, recently returned to the Vale from the Royal Bath and West Show, Somerset, bringing home the coveted title of Champion Flockmaster 2016.

The win was a dream come true for Jane, who at the end of 2015 gave up a civil service career to focus on the fortunes of her sheep – The Kennixton flock.

Showing sheep has become a family affair, with Jane's partner, Derek Frankham and their grandchildren, Faith (9), Jacob (6) and Elise (6) all playing their part in getting the sheep ready for the ring.

Jane said: "I keep two pedigree flocks, Poll Dorset sheep and the smaller Shetland sheep and showing is something we can all do as a family. Everyone enjoys a great time at an agricultural show and if you come home with a ribbon, then it's always cause for celebration. Coming home with the title Champion Flockmaster, well, I'm still getting over the shock."

The Royal Bath and West Show was the family's first outing of the season and this year it was the first time that Jane was attending as a full-time shepherd in her own right.

She added: "I have always taken an interest in the flockmaster competition, but always felt that it was for people who were making their living from sheep. But this year I felt for the first time that the flockmaster competition was for me. But with all 'good ideas' when the class got closer I have to admit to wondering what on earth I had let myself in for. The judging took place over the four days of the show and included your sheep, pens and displays. All these were scrutinised by the judge even before you ever made it to the ring."

Only the Shetland sheep were entered in the show so the family were a little disappointed when the Shetland classes were cancelled due to lack of entries.

However, after being re-entered into the Hill and Upland classes the Shetlands, who were the smallest sheep in the group, did rather well, collecting a handful of ribbons for shearling ram, ram lambs, ewes and ewe lambs.

Saturday, the final day of the show, was the ring-craft part of the flockmaster competition where competitors showed their sheep before the judge.

Jane explained: "I was quite nervous and not sure what to expect. The judge chatted to each competitor and examined the sheep, very thoroughly before selecting his line up. When I was asked to step forward with Duncan, my Shetland ram, I was delighted, although I could also see how just how stiff the competition was. When he started to walk towards me with the first place rosette I was really shocked and then before I knew it I was in the championship against a very experienced Fiona West with her Whiteface Dartmoor ram."

Both owners and rams stood side-by-side as the judge decided on the overall winner and much to the delight of the onlooking crowd the Champion Flockmaster went to Jane Bissett.

Jane said: "It was a wonderful day. When the judge awarded us (Duncan and me) the championship, a roar went up from the onlookers, mostly family and friends of both myself and Fiona, and then an equally loud roar as Fiona took reserve."

The real star of proceedings was the quiet and unassuming Shetland ram, Duncan (Kennixton Black Casanova), who during the week had also won the 'Hill and Upland Wool-on-the-Hoof' and had helped six-year-old Elise secure a second place in the Young Handlers competition.

Jane concluded: "Everyone has been so kind and supportive, especially my former colleagues, so I hope this goes some way to showing them that maybe I wasn't totally bonkers by giving up my career. Sometimes in life you just have to follow your dreams and I have been lucky enough to have been able to follow mine."

Kennixton Sheep are registered suppliers of Welsh lamb and mutton as well as producing, Poll Dorset knitting yarn, Shetland fleece, spinning tuition and sheepskins.

Cardiff Airport announces 12 months of passenger growth

MAY FIGURES JUMP BY 27 PER CENT

ANOTHER successful month has been recorded at Cardiff Airport, with passenger numbers increasing by 27 per cent versus the same month last year.

This increase represents 12 consecutive months of growth, bringing the rolling 12-month total of passengers flying from Cardiff to just over 1.279 million.

An airport spokesperson said: "Customers are taking advantage of an increased choice of destinations, more availability and better timings on key routes, plus airlines are offering greater value for money to fly from Cardiff."

The announcement comes following a number of new developments for Wales' national airport.

Flybe has recently marked the one year anniversary of its two-aircraft base at Cardiff Airport. Having enjoyed a successful year of flying, the airline has increased summer flights to Faro and Milan to four times a week and will operate flights up to four times a day to London City from September 12 to step in and help Welsh customers during the Severn Tunnel closure.

Also, Flybe has also released its flights for winter 2016/17 and announced a brand new route to Berlin starting on November 2.

Low-cost Spanish airline Vueling has responded to the demand from Welsh customers and increased its summer programme of flights from Cardiff by some 40 per cent, meaning greater capacity on flights to Alicante, Barcelona, Malaga and Palma Majorca.

The terminal has also undergone improvement, with a brand new walk-through duty free store, coffee shop, bar and restaurant now open in departures.

Debra Barber, managing director and chief operating officer at Cardiff Airport commented: "It's been a fantastic 12 months, we've seen some exciting developments and a busy start to the summer season.

"During May half term week alone we saw more than 35,000 passengers through our doors and enjoy the new look in our departure lounge.

"Additionally, we're continuing to fly the flag for Wales and on Saturday we were pleased to be able to give the Wales football team a fantastic send off for the start of the Euros. Here's to continuing success and more busy summer months to follow."

Breast Centre says 'thank you' to fundraisers

DOZENS of Breast Centre Appeal fundraisers attended a recent 'thank you' event in recognition of their commitment and dedication in raising hundreds of thousands of pounds for the cause.

The Breast Centre in University Hospital Llandough centralises all aspects of the breast care service under one roof, from consultation to diagnosis and treatment.

Maria Battle, chair of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (UHB) said: "What fundraisers do is absolutely incredible. There are around 100 fundraisers raising money for the appeal with over £250,000 raised for the Breast Centre so far.

"Every single penny donated to the centre goes into the centre, to improve care to our patients.

"From the Health Board and myself I'd like to say 'thank you' for all that you do."

Irene Hicks, who lives in north Ely, has raised more than £21,000 for the charity.

Irene said: "I started to fundraise for the Breast Centre as my daughter-in-law was diagnosed with breast cancer two years ago. I could see the wonderful things the centre was doing, and how wonderful the staff were, from the breast care nurses to the reception staff, they are all great.

"When my daughter-in-law started having treatment and was going to lose her hair, I held a fundraising event for her head shave – this started me off raising money for the centre and I have been doing so ever since."

The Breast Centre Appeal is part of Cardiff & Vale Health Charity (RCN 1056544), the official charity supporting all the wards, departments and specialties of Cardiff and Vale UHB.

For more information on Cardiff & Vale Health Charity, contact the charity office on 02921 841802.

Rocking back the clock!

PHIL HALEY and his Comments will be 'rocking around the clock' as they bring their Bill Haley-style show to the Paget Rooms as part of Penarth's Holiday Festival.

Doors open at 7.30pm and records will be played by DJs Riffs & Quiffs (Shelley Norton and Liam Curtin). Tickets are £10 each from Paul Barrett on 02920 704279.

ADVERTORIAL

Cloudy2Clear Announce Trusted Trader Partnership

Consumer champions Which? have now joined the thousands of customers who recognise that Cloudy2Clear Windows really are a business that you can TRUST. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has received the coveted 'Which Trusted Trader' status after going through a rigorous accreditation process entirely focussed on customer service.

Group Managing Director Marcus McGee believes that Which? have endorsed Cloudy2Clear's long standing company policy of delivering the highest standards possible at all times. 'Our service is simple. If your double glazing has misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 25 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. Whilst a number of tradespeople perhaps don't focus on customer care as much as they should do, we make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle.

Locally Cloudy2Clear service Cardiff & surrounding areas and Welsh business owner Phil Powell agrees that this approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated as both my customers and, obviously a body as nationally important as Which? now recognise.'

So, if your windows are steamed up, broken or damaged give Phil a call for a free quotation on **0800 61 21 118** and he'll be happy to help!

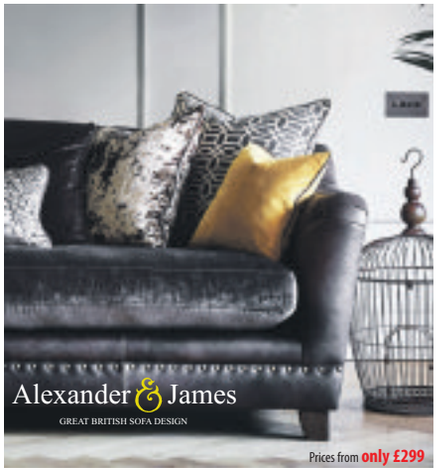
"Cloudy2Clear GUARANTEE All Customers That An Average Quote Will Take No Longer Than 20 MINS!!!"

STEAMED UP DOUBLE GLAZING?
Don't Replace The Frames... Just The Panes!
Cloudy2Clear Are A... Which? Trusted Trader
All Glazing Backed By Our 25 YEAR GUARANTEE
Priority Freephone 0800 61 21 118
www.cloudy2clear.com
Broken Or Damaged Windows? Faulty Locks, Handles, Hinges?

HALF PRICE OFFERS

Plus EXTRA SAVINGS

Today & This Weekend!!!



Luxury Brands from FWHomestores

The finest quality furniture & beds now available at the lowest prices

italialiving KNOLL LA-Z-BOY MAMMOTH THE ULTIMATE HEALTH MATTRESS Alexander & James Relyon IMPERIO BEDS

Like us on facebook

NEW LATE NIGHT MONDAYS Open till 8pm

fw homestores

Get the look... for less!

PENARTH ROAD CARDIFF

Unit 5, Freemans Park, Penarth Road, Cardiff, CF11 8TU.

Tel: 02920 371970

www.fwhomestores.co.uk

take up to 36 months FREE credit

no interest no charges 0% typical APR

Opening Times

Mon: 9.30am - 8.00pm
Tue - Thur: 9.30am - 6.00pm
Fri - Sat: 9.00am - 6.00pm
Sunday: 10.30am - 4.30pm

BE A MAGPIE!

– and find that special Welsh course that suits your requirements

by EMILY WOOD

HAVE you ever been asked the question 'Do you speak Welsh?' If you have, and your answer is 'Yes', or 'Yes, some', then feel proud; you will probably have managed to avoid the shame a person born and bred in Wales feels when they have to answer 'No'. I, unfortunately, am a member of the latter group.

After some time working over the border and overseas, I've started to feel like a bit of fraud, claiming to be Welsh through and through but not being able to speak the language of my own country.

Now that I have moved back to Wales, I've decided enough is enough; I will no longer be ashamed!

After some brief research, I found the perfect Welsh course and signed up for an intensive two-week beginner's option that will take place over the summer, held at Cardiff University. (Courses are available for whatever level you may be, all year round, at times to fit around your work schedule and family life).

'But, did you not have to learn any Welsh at school?' I hear you cry! My linguistic education has, on the whole, been great: I've learnt French, Spanish, a bit of Italian and even dabbled in a spot of Russian. Nevertheless, because I attended a private school and an English university, Welsh has sadly never been a part of it.

After studying languages at university, living abroad and training to be an interpreter and translator, I've come to understand that even acquiring a basic grasp of another language acts as a key to getting right into the heart of another country's culture, history and society.

Therefore, it goes without saying that this applies to your home country too. We live in a bilingual country and we should embrace it!

Another reason I have finally decided to learn Welsh is because, as a linguist, I like to collect languages...a bit like philological magpie.

Furthermore, being a polyglot can only enhance your career prospects. I'm currently working as a translator; a job in which the more languages you can add to your collection, the better, as the more languages you understand, the more work opportunities you will have. Of course, this applies to all professions really.

What employer wouldn't favour someone who would be able to speak to that important international client in their own language or be able to get the company out of a sticky situation when a cross-cultural miscommunication arises?

In general, my reasons for learning Welsh stem from a love for languages, a desire to do well on a professional level, and a dislike of the guilt caused by answering 'No, none at all' to that inevitable question that crops up when someone finds out where you're from.

You may have your own reasons for wanting to learn Welsh, or any other language for that matter, but here is my advice to you: be a magpie! Find a course, sign up for it, maybe get a friend or family member involved, learn as much as you can and see what opportunities unfold!

Visit *learnwelsh.co.uk* to find out more.

RHODRI DAFYDD MILLER MEMORIAL TROPHY IS LAUNCHED BY SCHOOL

YSGOL BRO MORGANNWG will award an annual mathematics trophy in memory of student Rhodri Miller who tragically died in a car accident last year.

Rhodri's parents Dave and Jo explained: "Rhodri is sadly no longer with us. He was an A* maths student studying towards his A-levels, therefore we felt it quite fitting to have a trophy awarded in his memory in this subject. It's the first of its kind at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg."

Rhys Lloyd of year-13 was presented with the trophy on his final day of school by Rhodri's younger brother Iestyn, along with an award of £250 given by Dave and Jo, and the patrons of the King William, in recognition for all his hard work and effort in maths.

Rhys said: "I got a mark of 299 out of 300, but I know Rhodri would have gone that extra mile and got that extra mark!"

Rhodri's family have thanked Ysgol Bro Morgannwg for the school's support in allowing the trophy to be presented each year in memory of their son.

Dave and Jo added: "We also would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who donated money across the bar at the King William IV, which raised £1,500 for the Church of St Cadoc.

"We also want to say a massive 'thank you' to friends, family, customers, businesses and everyone else who attended and donated towards the memorial football match which enabled a memorial bench to be sited outside the reception area of Ysgol Bro Morgannwg."

RHODRI MILLER

Rhodri Miller's family with Rhys Lloyd at the memorial bench.

AM's praise for Rally Day

VALE farmer Andrew RT Davies has described Saturday's Glamorgan YFC Rally Day as a "storming success".

The annual event was once again held at Slade Farm Organics in St Brides Major and included events from welly-wanging to woodwork.

Mr Davies, who acted as one of the judges on the day, said: "The Glamorgan YFC Rally Day is one of the days in the calendar I always look forward to and Saturday was no different and provided yet another storming success.

"It was great to see so many young people taking part in the various competitions and also the number of supporters who came along to watch, not just from the Vale of Glamorgan but right across the region.

"My best wishes go to all the winners on the day who will go on to the various competitions at the Royal Welsh Show next month."

• FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS •

Up to 50% OFF SALE

PAY NOTHING AT ALL FOR 12 MONTHS AFTER INSTALLATION.

AT MPN WINDOWS YOU CAN EXPECT QUALITY AND THE FOLLOWING AS STANDARD:

THE WORLD FAMOUS VEKA SUPER EFFICIENT A RATED WINDOWS & DOORS THAT SAVES YOU MONEY ON YOUR FUEL BILLS WITH A 10 YEAR GUARANTEE.

BACK DOORS FROM £599
FULLY FITTED
DREAM FRONT DOORS
£650 FULLY FITTED

OUR TOP QUALITY SOLIDOR DOORS ARE PROBABLY THE BEST COMPOSITE DOORS IN WALES.

WHY IT'S THE BEST COMPOSITE DOOR ON THE MARKET?

- The only hardwood core composite door on the market
- 48mm solid timber core
- High security - the largest Deadbolt in the UK
- Almost 10% thicker than most composite doors
- Wide rage of style and frame colours
- Choose from over 10,400 colour options
- Energy efficient Double and triple glazed units
- 12 year manufacturing guarantee

12 MONTHS INTEREST FREE
BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR

Number of windows	Cost
4 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC *BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR*	From £1546
5 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC *BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR*	From £2032
6 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC *BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR*	From £2519
7 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC *BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR*	From £3005
8 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC *BUY NOW PAYNEXT YEAR*	From £3492
9 WINDOWS MAX 1 OPENER IN WHITE UPVC *BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR*	From £3978

12 MONTHS INTEREST FREE
BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR

Conservatory	Cost
3M X 3M CONSERVATORY FULLY FITTED INC ALLBUILDING WORKS	From £9,495
3.5M X 3.5M CONSERVATORY FULLY FITTED INC ALL BUILDING WORKS	From £10,990
4M X 4M CONSERVATORY FULLY FITTED INC ALL BUILDING WORKS	From £11,990

FREE VERTICAL BLINDS OR A FLAT SCREEN TELEVISION

12 MONTHS INTEREST FREE
BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR

Door	Price
SOLIDOR COMPOSITE DOOR FULLY FITTED	From £845.00
PATIO DOORS FULLY FITTED	From £895.00
YALE UPVC BACK DOORS FULLY FITTED	From £599.00
FRENCH DOORS FULLY FITTED	From £875.00
YALE UPVC FRONT DOORS FITTED	From £650.00

OPEN 9AM TO 9PM • 7 DAYS A WEEK

20 YEARS IN BUSINESS

CARDIFF 02920 508770
BRIDGEND 01656 648464
BARRY 01446 439212
www.mpnwindows.com
Email: sales@mpnwindows.com

INSTALLATIONS ltd WINDOWS, DOORS M.P.N & CONSERVATORIES
WALES No1 DOUBLE GLAZING COMPANY

WE SUPPLY ALL TYPES OF UPVC WINDOWS DOORS AND CONSERVATORIES
AWARDED BEST DOUBLE GLAZING COMPANY IN WALES BY NETWORK VEKA
www.mpnwindows.com *All special offers terms and conditions apply*

GGI FENSA Network VEKA AWARD WINNER 2013

• FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS • FREE VERTICAL BLINDS •

Emilia Clarke is not just the 'Mother of Dragons'

FILM REVIEW by DANNII THOMAS

***Me before you* is a British-American romantic drama – now if you're a big Game of Thrones fan, especially of Daenerys Targaryen, then this is not the film for you.**

However, if you're a big fan of Emilia Clarke then I think you'll enjoy it. After seeing Emilia on The Graham Norton Show with her agreeing that her character in *Me before you* is more like herself in real life, I can confirm this is true.

It is the feature film debut of director Thea Sharrack, who is the youngest artistic director in British theatre, and known for the likes of *Arabian Nights* and *The Misanthrope*.

The film is a rollercoaster of emotions that is draining – though leaves you with a feeling of warmth and what I can only describe as an understanding of a taboo subject.

It has a fantastic cast that includes Charles Dance and Joanna Lumley. The story is based around Louisa 'Lou' Clarke who comes from a middle class family who unfortunately loses her job. She takes on the job of carer for Will Traynor (Sam Claflin) a disabled man who was involved in a motorbike accident two years previously which resulted in him becoming quadriplegic.

The film starts with how Will's accident happened.

When meeting the character Lou you instantly like her, she's quirky, witty and with a dress sense that could out-do Paloma Faith. Her facial expressions and smile can melt hearts, though I did feel her eyebrows sometimes had a life of their own which is what helps bring out the comedic side of her.

Along with meeting Lou we get to meet her loving family whichs consists of dad Bernard (Brendan Coyle), mum Josie (Samantha Spiro), sister Katrina (Jenna Coleman) and nephew Thomas (Henri Charles).

Bernard is unemployed, and Lou being the bread winner, who has lost her job at a café after six years, has to take on the job of carer.

Later on, when Lou arrives at a very grand castle on the other side of town, we meet Camilla Traynor (Janet McTeer) Will's very upper class mother, who initially comes across as cold but in reality is just a mother looking out for her child.

We also meet Will's father Stephen (Charles Dance) who is instantly a lot warmer. There appears to be some frostiness between Camilla and Stephen – but as the story develops we see that this is not the case.

Lou gets the job with immediate effect so we get to meet Will who has had old stables specially adapted into an annex for him.

Nathan (Stephen Peacocke) plays Will's physical and medical nurse.

Unkempt and scruffy looking, Will has an instant line in sarcasm and rudeness, and though you're tempted to dislike him, you can't because you have an understanding of why he is like that given his circumstances.

Moving on we see Lou arriving day in and day out from 8am to 5pm trying her best to cheer Will up. It is to no avail and she endures a consistent cold shoulder until one day she retaliates. It's a pivotal moment and where we see a change in their dynamic, and the moment we begin to see Will's guard come down.

Before this there are some very funny moments in the film, and afterwards a lot more. The bond between them starts to grow.

Then Lou overhears Camilla and Stephen talking and discovers a secret...

After this she has a long hard think and decides to up the game by cheering Will up with Camilla and Stephen's blessing.

What follows becomes a rollercoaster with laugh out loud moments and tears.

The film also has some sub-plots which add to its joyous nature.

VERDICT: A thoroughly, heart-warming, laugh out loud, cry out loud, romantic, comedy drama. I really enjoyed this story and watching the lives of two young people from completely different backgrounds grow and bond, even if it is over a short period of time. Definitely highly recommended and to the men out there, it's not just a chick-flick.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: The Fault in our Stars (2014) My Sister's Keeper (2009).

• *Film reviewer Gareth Jamieson is currently covering EURO 2016.*

Free digital drop-in sessions

DIGITAL CHAMPIONS offer free digital classes to help local people throughout the Vale improve their IT skills and get online.

The digital inclusion project, run by Newydd Housing Association in partnership with Barry Communities First and the Vale Council, helps local people throughout the Vale get online by providing free digital sessions.

Digital Champion Lisa Sheppard said: "People desperately need help to improve their IT skills but with the high cost of IT classes, people are put off from learning.

"It can also be daunting for people who have no knowledge of computers, but these free sessions are all in a friendly environment with no pressure put on anybody."

If you would like to get support from a Digital Champion, you can go along to one of the weekly drop-in sessions.

To find out when these sessions take place, contact Scott Tandy on 07584 501216.

Local artist pays tribute to Ali 'The Greatest'

Last week, the funeral of Muhammad Ali took place, and here talented south Wales artist Gordon Farmer, who lives in the Garw Valley, pays tribute to the great man – capturing him as a young boxer.

Go to the **The GEM** for the latest stories and breaking news...
www.barry-today.co.uk
www.cowbridge-today.co.uk
www.llantwit-major-today.co.uk
www.bridgend-today.co.uk
www.porthcawl-today.co.uk

VOTE TO LEAVE!

On June 23 you will be given a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help shape the future of our country. Here are just some of the reasons why your vote to leave the EU is so crucial.

1 The EU is run by the European Commission from Brussels. This is an unelected, undemocratic, unaccountable and powerful body. We cannot vote it out and consequently our influence within the organisation has been severely reduced.

2 We must be able to control our borders. Immigration will continue but we must restrict it to those with the necessary skills. At the moment we are forced to accept migrants from the EU who are attracted to the UK due to our National Living Wage, which is five times higher than that in Bulgaria or Romania. Mass economic migration, mainly from Africa, will dilute and unbalance our society and with their higher birth rate this problem will only multiply and become divisive.

3 The UK has the fifth largest economy in the world. We have a trade deficit with the EU of £67.8bn per year whilst with the rest of the world it is £31.1bn in surplus. We want to be free to negotiate trade deals with the world, and the EU, who do not want to imperil access to the vibrant UK market.

4 Brussels, through the Employment Directive, has imposed a huge range of restrictions, regulations and bureaucracy on British small and medium businesses and farmers. Only 5% of British firms export to the EU but 100% suffer from Brussels' red tape.

5 The EU has a long-term plan (Five Presidents' Report) for a European Federal State, including an Economic Union, a Financial Union and a Fiscal Union by 2025 at the latest.

6 NATO is the reason that Europe has enjoyed peace for 70 years, not the EU. As part of the federalist ambitions of the EU, the plan is to create a European Army. Imagine our chances, after a vote of 28 members, of being allowed to protect Gibraltar or the Falklands. The UK at present has a seat on the UN Security Council. A federal Europe would replace our seat with an EU seat.

7 At present our Courts of Law can be overruled by the European Court of Justice. We are not allowed to extradite convicted terrorists, nor can we withhold the vote from convicted prisoners. The new European Arrest Warrant flies in the face of the UK's Habeas Corpus, the right to remain innocent until proved guilty in a court. We would be free to create a new British Human Rights Law, more suited to our own interests.

8 In the event of Brexit our elected Parliament will have a mandate from the British People to negotiate our withdrawal from the EU. They will then be in a position to allocate the considerable funds saved to the NHS, farming subsidies and those things specifically in the Nation's interests.

9 Europe is in dire straits. Since joining in 1973 the combined economies of the present 28 members have declined from 36% of world GDP to 17% in 2015 (IMF). There is massive youth unemployment in the Mediterranean countries, Greece is effectively bankrupt, Italy and Spain are politically unstable and the rise of anti-EU and right-wing parties exemplifies the alienation of the European people from the European elites.

10 Britain is one of the most thriving, innovative and enterprising countries in the world. Set us free, release the Brussels shackles and we can regain our country and make it more prosperous and great again.

This advertisement has been funded by local people who are concerned about the future of 'Our Country' for themselves and their children.

WALES' ONE AND ONLY PREMIER INDUSTRIAL SUPERSTORE....

A ONE STOP ENGINEERING STORE.

WALES' ONLY PREMIER NAPOLEON STOCKIST

Triumph T325SBPK Special Offer £399.99

NAPOLEON

PLUS FREE
calor gas cylinder worth £79.75
(13kg Calor Gas Patio Cylinder)

Visit www.napoleongrills.co.uk for the full range

- WORKWEAR
- COMPRESSORS
- WORK TOOLS
- GARDEN TOOLS
- BARBEQUES
- GAS FIRES AND REFILLS

BRIDGENDS MAIN CALOR GAS DEALER

BOTTLED GAS AVAILABLE HERE FOR ALL YOUR LPG REQUIREMENTS

riversidehardware & engineers supplies

UNIT 3C, NORTH ROAD. BRIDGEND IND. EST., BRIDGEND CF31 3TP

TEL: 01656 662449 • FAX: 01656 768375

E-mail: info@riversidehardware.co.uk • Website: www.riversidehardware.co.uk

Out & About with The GEM

SPONSORED BY MEMO #BARRYCINEMEMO www.memoartscentre.co.uk BARRY'S NEW DIGITAL CINEMA & LIVE STREAMING THEATRE

WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE?

Evening of Clairvoyance

ON Friday, July 8 from 7pm – 9pm there will be an evening of clairvoyance with Christine O'Neill at the Guiding Light Centre.

Tickets £8 (purchase in advance) from 116a Park Crescent, Barry CF62 6HE.

Email: guidinglightcentre@yahoo.co.uk, or call 01446 735691/07772 209306.

Frock swap and cocktails!

SUSTAINABLE Wales' Frock Swap on June 16 is an opportunity to reduce, reuse, recycle and refresh wardrobes and save cash.

Good quality items no longer worn, that don't fit or don't suit, can be swapped for others of a similar value.

Refreshments will be available, but bring your own bottle or donate to the Fairtrade cocktail and canapes bar.

Location: The Green Room (above SUSSED), Porthcawl from £7.30pm. Entry £3.

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, June 16 the Art Society welcomes Clare Smith, a curator at the National Museum of Wales, who will give an illustrated presentation of the works of David Jones and Eric Gill.

On Thursday, June 23 we have the final demonstration of the year: water-based mixed media, by painter, illustrator, teacher and writer Elizabeth Haines (elizabethhaines.co.uk/).

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge from 7pm; for details of the society's activities go to www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

Ward councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Buttrills, Castleland and Court wards, Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans, Chris Elmore, Les Sword, Karl Khunell and Stuart Egan, will be holding their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, June 18 from 10am-11am in the small community room of Barry Library, Kings Square. No appointment necessary.

Charity concert

A CHORAL concert, 'Out of Darkness into Light' featuring the Caritas Consort (directed by Lindsay Gray) will take place on Saturday, June 18 at 7pm in All Saints' Church, Barry.

Tickets from Caritas at caritaschoir22@gmail.com, or 0782 332 5844; or from All Saints' Church at music@allsaintsbarry.org.uk.

All money raised will go to Ty Hafan hospice and All Saints' Church roof fund.

AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will hold a surgery on Friday, June 17 from 6pm – 7pm at the Stewart Road Community Centre, Rhoose CF62 3EZ. No appointment necessary.

Clairvoyance in Cadoxton

CADOXTON Christian Spiritualist Church on Kenilworth Road are holding an evening of clairvoyance on Friday, June 24 with Gareth and Emma.

Admission £5, from 7pm. All welcome.

Llantwit fair

THE Llantwit Major summer fair, organised by the Lions, will be on Saturday, June 25 from 10am – 5pm.

St Illtud's Church, in continuous use since 500AD will also be open for refreshments and guided tours.

This, the oldest centre of learning in Great Britain – plus the magnificent refurbishment of the Galilee Chapel – is a 'must-see' attraction. All welcome!

BH

Porthcawl Art Society

PORTHCAWL Art Society will be holding their summer exhibition on Saturday, June 25 from 10.30am at the Old Police Station, John Street, Porthcawl.

Cancer Research quiz

THE Barry committee of Cancer Research UK Cymru will hold a fundraising quiz on June 29.

The quiz will take place at the West End social Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry at 8pm.

Entry £3 per person, payable at the door. All welcome.

MP's advice

ALUN CAIRNS MP is available for advice on Friday, June 24 at The Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, from 10.30am to 11.30am. No appointment necessary; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Coytrahen Village Day

The village fete will take place at the Philip Squire Community Centre in Coytrahen on Saturday, July 16 at noon.

Entry free, all welcome.

Bouncy castle, swing boats, climbing wall, falcons and a variety of stalls.

Bois Goetre-Hen choir will perform, also the Big Fat Blues Band.

Barbecue and much more.

Book signing in Penarth

TICKETS are still available for the talk and book signing with award-winning novelist Stevie Davies and her fellow Welsh author Brenda Squires on June 23 in Penarth.

The authors will discuss their latest novels with Mel Griffin of Griffin Books at Waterloo Tea, Stanwell Road, from 7.30pm.

Bar facilities available, and tickets are £5 each including hors d'oeuvres and a £5 discount on book purchases. For more information or to book tickets, call Griffin Books on 02920 706455.

OCEAN LOUNGE
PORTHKERRY ENTERTAINMENT
BINGO Saturday Evenings
Thursday 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th June
CURRY & A PINT £5.95
LATIN DANCE CLASSES £5 PER SESSION
Saturday 18th June
SANDY SHORE
Superb female vocalist
Saturday 25th June
JOHN SAXON
First class vocal entertainer
SUNDAY LUNCHES
in the Ocean Bar lounge £6.95
(2 Courses £8.95)
CAR BOOT SALES
Every Sunday
Sellers 12.30pm. Buyers 1pm.
QUIZ NIGHTS Friday 10th, 17th & 24th June.
Porthkerry Leisure Park, Rhoose CF62 3ZP
(01446) 710362/711538
Open: Friday 7pm - 12pm.
Saturday 12 noon - 4pm & 7pm - midnight.
Sunday 12noon - 4pm

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D935.

● **£2,000:** 788872.

● **The rollover was not won this week.**

● **£10:** 7 0 7 8 4 3 , 238976, 276625, 780995, 704978, 667542, 234154, 505936, 103279, 561665, 811185, 146807, 284113, 768634, 955866, 295263, 542205, 770995, 698346, 802278.

● **£5:** 360054, 436285, 962657, 475217, 314464, 494688, 622736, 690877, 445450, 599824, 521793, 225122, 388954, 614415, 261868, 392385, 678128, 535572, 354288, 805994, 391780, 349970, 422297, 966271, 280392, 776174, 613529, 161104, 620243, 558995, 513397, 928135, 759492, 471575, 801970, 660997, 721098, 855582, 913481, 391365, 753589, 211055, 778172, 606202, 977015, 677323, 985197, 295034, 925968, 878050, 203598, 688379, 854221, 237719, 995593, 131751, 000646, 1273875, 005365, 005539.

The GEM cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions contained in the above.

For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

Gardens open to the public

THE following gardens will be open to the public this weekend as part of the National Gardens Scheme:

Big House Farm, Llanmadoc, Gower, Swansea, SA3 1DE.

This award-winning inspirational garden of just under an acre combines colour, form and texture in this beautiful much-loved Gower village, described by one visitor as "the best I've seen this season".

Large variety of interesting plants and shrubs, with ambient cottage garden feel, Mediterranean garden, kitchen garden, beautiful views.

Located on the Gower Peninsular, Britain's first designated area of outstanding natural beauty.

Opening information: Sunday, June 19 (1pm–6pm); admission £4, children admitted free; home-made teas.

Cefn Cribwr Garden Club, Cefn Cribwr, Bridgend, CF32 0AP.

CEFN CRIBWR is an old mining village atop a ridge with views to Swansea in the west, Somerset to the south and home to Bedford Park and the Cefn Cribwr Iron Works.

The village hall is at the centre, with teas, cakes and plants for sale. The allotments are to be found behind the hall. Children, art and relaxation are just some of the themes to be found in the gardens besides the flower beds and vegetables.

There are also water features, fish ponds, wildlife ponds, summerhouses and hens adding to the diverse mix. Themed colour borders, roses, greenhouses, recycling, composting and much more. The chapel grounds are peaceful with a meandering woodland trail.

There will also be craft stalls, games, raffles and a table top sale in the hall.

Opening information: Sunday, June 19 (11am–5pm); combined admission £4, children admitted free; tea.

Big House Farm, Gower.

Cefn Cribwr Garden Club.

Tenovus holds a summer lunch

THE annual Tenovus summer lunch was held on June 8, again proving a very popular event with nearly 50 guests, raising almost £500.

Guests were treated to a selection of canapés, and a two course lunch at Mr Villa's Fish and Chip Restaurant and Oyster Bar at the Knap, Barry. Huge thanks to the hosts Christine and Beppe Villa, and their staff, who made the lunch a great success.

Guests also enjoyed a fashion show hosted by Gail Foley, who was showing the new spring/summer 2016 collection of French style with fashion house Captain Tortue. Many thanks to Gail and her models who entertained the guests with some lovely, and very eye catching, outfits. For more information, please visit *captaintortuegroup.com*

Sue McDonagh, an award-winning artist specialising in portraits of children, horses, dogs and coastal landscapes, displayed some of her work at the restaurant for all to enjoy. For further information about Sue and her work, please visit *sue@suemcdonagh.co.uk*.

Wednesday, July 6 will see another Tenovus annual event, the 'Strawberry and Sparkle' afternoon. Guests can enjoy strawberries and cream and a glass of 'sparkle' and will hopefully be rewarded with an afternoon of sunshine. Tickets are available at £6 per person.

To purchase a ticket for this event, or to purchase a copy of 'Cook with Us', our very popular recipe book, please contact Mary Thomas on 01446 733978.

The fundraising committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support. For further information, please visit www.tenovuscancercare.org.uk.

Small, local venues vital for new theatre

FOR anyone with ambitions to make it as a writer, poet or novelist, there are many outlets.

Local magazines, for example, are always looking for new talent.

For playwrights, however, it is a different story. The opportunities to stage work are limited.

It is good to find an organisation such as Clock Tower Theatre Company, which is based in Cardiff and specialises in short, new plays – often by first-time writers.

The company recently staged *The Railwayman* by Penarth-based dramatist, Will Salter. Two performances, at The Little Man Coffee Company on Sunday, June 5, and then June 7 at the Gate Arts Centre, drew great applause from the audiences.

The play was dramatic, intense and sinister, the mood being well sustained by the cast of Jack Muir, Adriana Blue and Joe Burke.

All three produced powerful performances, but Adriana Blue's 10-minute monologue in the middle of the play was particularly memorable.

The Clock Tower Company will be staging another short piece of drama at the same venues in July.

Further details are available at clocktower@gmail.com.

PHIL CARRADICE

Sully Sports Bowling Club
South Road, Sully
We are looking for any ladies & men, new or seasoned bowlers to join.
Have 3 roll ups before you decide if you wish to join.
If you are interested & would like more information please speak to Phil Jenkins on
02920 599090

G2S WALES

CLEARLY BETTER ON PRICE AND QUALITY

INCORPORATING G2S WALES PART OF THE G2S GROUP

WINDOWS • DOORS • CONSERVATORIES • FASCIAS, SOFFITS AND GUTTERING

ANY DOOR FITTED WITHIN 3 WEEKS

PRICES INCLUDE VAT & INSTALLATION • NO DEPOSIT • NO HIDDEN EXTRAS

ALL COLOURED COMPOSITE DOORS NOW ONLY £1,199

ANY UPVC FRONT DOOR FITTED FOR ONLY £799

ANY UPVC BACK DOOR FITTED FOR ONLY £699

FRENCH DOORS FITTED FROM £950

PATIO DOORS FITTED FROM £899

ALUMINIUM BI FOLD DOORS FITTED FROM £2,399

100'S OF STYLES TO CHOOSE FROM

Call G2S Wales 24/7: 01656 349467

or visit: www.g2swales.co.uk

UNIT 1, YORK PARK, CHEPSTOW RD, BRIDGEND IND. ESTATE BRIDGEND CF31 3TB

Offers cannot be used with any other advertised offer, cannot be used in conjunction with any other or previous quotation, discount or offer. Coloured composite door price is for our standard 44mm panel door. G2S reserve the right to withdraw any offer without prior notice. Finance is available on orders over £1000.00 subject to approval. The G2S Group act as an Intermediary and only offer products from Barclays Partner Finance. Barclays Partner Finance is a trading name of Clydesdale Financial Services Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Barclays Bank PLC. Clydesdale Financial Services Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (Financial Services Register Number: 311753). Registered in England, registered number 2901725. Registered office: 1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP. E&OE – JUNE 16.

Health Beauty & fitness

Prepare your body for summer

SIMPLY STUNNING GIFTS
DISCOUNT OUTLET
Huge range of fragranced soaps, bathbombs, bath salts, massage oils, massage bars, creamers, bubblebath & facemasks. Plus lots more!
Buy 1 Get 1 Free
on all bathbombs and 100gram fragranced soaps
Only with this advert. Valid until 31.7.16
Open Thur, Fri & Sat 10am-5pm
Upstairs in VFM, Palmerston Business Centre, Barry, CF63 2XA
Tel: 07964 532307

Some of Simply Stunning Gifts' amazing range of candles

SAMANTHA NASH started Simply Stunning Gifts in May this year and has been delighted with the response to her products.

So delighted, in fact, that she has introduced a new line of bath salts, massage oils and massage bars to go with her comprehensive selection of bath bombs, fragranced soaps, cleansers, bubble baths and face masks.

Samantha said: "Simply Stunning is just the place for all your beauty products to get your body ready in time for your holiday."

Samantha also prepares the gift hampers, which are perfect for all occasions and to suit all budgets.

Simply Stunning is the Vale's flagship store for products by Busy Bee Candles – all of which are handmade in Wales using soy wax and the finest fragrances available.

"Simply Stunning Gifts," said Samantha, "is probably the largest specialised store in the Vale of Glamorgan stocking fragranced products, novelty candles and beauty accessories.

"Entering the store is a sheer delight; the aromas and scents greet you and the selection of quality items, all at reasonable prices, is really amazing."

Simply Stunning Gifts is located above VFM Meats at Palmerston Business Centre, Barry, CF63 2XA or telephone 07694532307.

Looking after your health? Try garlic!

We're all familiar with garlic's flavour credentials – but how much do you know about its health-enhancing qualities, asks Abi Jackson of the Press Association.

Here are some reasons to include garlic as part of a healthy, balanced diet...

• Garlic could help protect the brain.

Some studies have also linked garlic with lower risks of developing age-related brain diseases, including dementia.

• Anti-inflammatory.

Garlic is often hailed for its anti-inflammatory properties, thanks to its high sulphur content.

• Beating high blood pressure.

Too much salt is bad for you, and using an alternative flavouring, such as garlic, can reduce salt levels

Studies have also found that garlic extracts can directly reduce blood pressure.

• Artery aids.

Nutritionist Rob Hobson claims that black garlic – which is basically fresh garlic that's gone through a particular fermentation process – has additional heart health-boosting qualities. An LA BioMed study found black garlic supplements were linked with a reduction of certain types of plaque build-up in the arteries of some people.

• All about the allicin.

Additionally, allicin, a powerful antioxidant, antibacterial, and anti-fungal compound – an active ingredient that's released when fresh garlic is chopped or crushed (to reap the benefits, experts say garlic is best eaten raw) – has also been linked with protecting heart health, including helping reduce 'bad' cholesterol, along with a long list of other potential health boons, from supporting the immune system to improving blood circulation.

Local service for local people

VALE LASER CLINIC opened its second treatment room in April, offering beauty therapy treatments to complement the services already provided within the clinic.

A spokeswoman said: "You can visit Tathan Beautique and take time to pamper yourself with a manicure or pedicure.

"Would you like to get your nails done? We have Gelish Nails and OPI polishes to choose from.

"Eyelash extensions are available if you're looking for permanent lashes for the weekend or an up-coming holiday.

"We also offer waxing, including hot precision waxing and tinting to make sure your are looking and feeling your best.

"Our large treatment room means there is plenty of room to meet with the girls while you have your nails done and catch up on all the latest news together.

"We also have Dr Jo, experienced and a specialist in botox and fillers, who visits the clinic regularly.

Clients can make an appointment for a consultation at any time.

"Tathan Beautique and Vale Laser Clinic are above St Athan Pharmacy. You can come through the shop or through the glass door at the back of the building.

"Come up the stairs and say 'Hi'. We'd love to see you."

Call 01446 750880 for an appointment. Follow us on Facebook, twitter and Instagram for all the latest news and offers.

VALE LASER CLINIC
Hair Removal
Tattoo Removal
Skin Rejuvenation
Thread Vein Removal
Stockists of Environ Skin Care
Acne Treatment
Skin Tag Removal
1A The Square, St Athan Village, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 4PF
01446 750880 emma@valelaserclinic.co.uk
www.valelaserclinic.co.uk

Tathan Beautique at VALE LASER CLINIC
OFFERING BEAUTY THERAPY TREATMENTS
Manicure • Pedicure • Gelish Nails
OPI Polish • Eyelash Extensions
Waxing including precision hot wax
• Tinting & Ear Piercing.

1A THE SQUARE, ST ATHAN VILLAGE CF62 4PF
01446 750880

Go to the The GEM
for the latest stories and breaking news...
www.barry-today.co.uk
www.cowbridge-today.co.uk
www.llantwit-major-today.co.uk
www.bridgend-today.co.uk
www.porthcawl-today.co.uk

When trimming toenails is only part of the job

WENDY'S Professional Toenail Cutting Service does what it says on the tin – with a whole lot more thrown in for free!

Yes, your toes will be trimmed by a fully qualified professional, but what is really on offer is companionship from someone who has great experience of looking after the elderly.

After working in the caring professions for many years, Wendy was recently trained by the NHS and has been calling on clients in the Bridgend, Porthcawl and surrounding area for some time now.

Word of mouth has meant that she has built up a number of satisfied customers.

When she pays a house call, she brings her previous experience to bear, and understands that for many elderly people, the social contact is as important as keeping their toes tidy!

A cut, file and foot massage costs £15, and Wendy carries references and her CRB check information with her.

For contact details, see the advert on this page.

Wendy's Professional Toe Nail Cutting Service
Toenails cut, filed & massaged
in the comfort of your own home!
Porthcawl, Bridgend & surrounding areas.
CRB checked. References available.
Tel: 07962076379 / 07962076380

Return 2 Health Chiropractic Clinic

AT Return To Health Chiropractic Clinic (R2HCC), we have more than 12 years' experience of treating patients.

We are frequently presented with: "I've got sciatica", but 'sciatica' is a term for any pain down the leg caused by an injury in the low back, not a real diagnosis.

True sciatica is typically caused by an injury to a spinal disc, and can lead to irritation or damage to the spinal nerves. This leads to pain down the leg, often past the knee, and can be accompanied by pins and needles, sensation changes and muscle weakness.

Non-radicular sciatica is much more common and is caused by an injury in the muscles, joints or ligaments of the back which then radiates pain into the buttock and/or leg. This typically stays above the knee and doesn't cause symptoms such as pins and needles or weakness.

With the increasing use of tablets and laptops, at R2HCC we are seeing more people, particularly teenagers, with back issues.

Move it! Sitting for too long is not good for the body, particularly the back. It's very easy to sit and slouch for long periods, so get up and move every 30-40 minutes.

Lighten up! Keep your school bag light. If there are lockers at your school, keep heavy books in them.

Use a rucksack! Carrying a heavy bag over one shoulder creates muscular imbalance and uneven stresses on the joints. A rucksack with both straps over your shoulders is far better for you.

If you are worried about your back pain (or any other pain), why not come and visit us? You can book a free advisory consultation by calling 01446 740002.

r2h
Now Open Saturdays
Evening appointments available
Return 2 Health Chiropractic Clinic
We treat a wide range of conditions such as:
• Back and neck pain
• Sciatica
• Shoulder pain
• Pregnancy related disorders
• Headaches
• Sports injuries and many more
FREE ADVISORY CONSULTATION
01446 740002
www.r2hcc.co.uk
The Stables, Castleland St, Barry CF63 4LL

Health Beauty & fitness

Pilates offers so many benefits

PILATES has so much to offer. Whether you are looking to get toned ready for your summer holidays, a new way to look after yourself or a class to help you relax and enjoy whilst strengthening and stretching your body, Pilates has something for you.

You can join a class – there are classes suitable for complete beginners to advanced. Private lessons are another option, with homework provided so that you can practice in between lessons.

Classes are led by Sharon Sylvester who is an experienced, qualified Pilates teacher. Sharon loves teaching Pilates, keeping the classes small, friendly and enjoyable. There is always something new to learn.

Classes are held at St Nicholas Hall, Barry and you can find out more by contacting Sharon on 07830 085606 or email sharonpilates@hotmail.com. The website is www.barrypilates@hotmail.com.

Pilates Classes

Mondays 9.15am, 10.30, 11.35am, 12.45pm

Thursdays 10am

Fridays 9.30am, 6pm or 7.15pm

At St Nicholas Hall, Barry

Sharon 07830 085606

sharonpilates@hotmail.com

www.barrypilates.co.uk

CHIC CREATIONS
BEAUTIFUL HANDS & FEET

QUALIFIED NAIL TECHNICIAN INSURED THROUGH "THE BEAUTY GUILD" OFFERING A VARIETY OF TREATMENTS

QUALIFIED BEAUTY & NAIL TECHNICIAN
• MANICURES
• PEDICURES
(CAN INCLUDE FOOT SPA & MASSAGE)
• NAIL EXTENSIONS
• ACRYLIC & UV GEL
• HD BROWS & SEMI PERMANENT LASHES
• ACRYLIC & UV GEL
• CRB CHECKED
• 8 YEARS EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE
• TRUSTWORTHY, FRIENDLY, RELIABLE

ALEIDA CULLEN
01446 410057 / 07970 866513 the guild

Chic Creations for beautiful hands and feet

MY name is Aleida and I am a qualified beauty and nail technician.

I provide a caring service for people in the comfort and privacy of their own home.

I am a support worker with eight years' experience, supporting disabled and vulnerable people of all ages.

I have a variety of treatments available, or just a small treat for your hands and feet with a friendly, reliable person.

I also offer massage therapy of the hands and feet, which can be beneficial for seniors or those suffering from a variety of ailments. For example, benefits to those with osteoarthritis include decreased pain and lessening stiffness, while those with Alzheimer's and dementia find it a calming and relaxing method of therapy which improves blood flow and overall health.

My prices are very competitive and can be quoted by the hour or by the treatment. I also offer semi-permanent eyelashes and HD eyebrows.

My services are available throughout the Vale of Glamorgan.

If you are interested in a treatment or would just like to meet me, please don't hesitate to contact Aleida Cullen on 01446 410057 or 07970 866513.

Best solutions for your hearing needs

Local hearing for local people

MALMO Hearing is a family-run business devoted to offering the best solution for your hearing needs.

Our main branch, open six days a week, is located in Bridgend town centre and our highly qualified and experienced audiologists are welcoming and friendly.

We offer FREE hearing assessments, FREE hearing aid demonstrations, microsuction ear wax removal, hearing aid repairs and servicing.

We hold regular clinics throughout south Wales, including the following locations:

Cowbridge & Western Vale Group Practice: Cowbridge; Davies & Jones optometrists: Dinas Powys and Talbot Green; and Arbuthnot Opticians: Barry.

Other clinics include: Treorchy, Caerphilly, Blackwood, Pontypool and Newport.

Contact us on 01656 652444 or visit www.bridgend-hearing.co.uk for more information.

live happy! with Slimming World

New consultant from 20th June. Julie 07903 585693

Mondays 5.00pm & 7.00pm Cadoxton Moors Community Centre, off Cardiff Road, Barry

Saturdays 9.30am Cadoxton Moors Community Centre, off Cardiff Road, Barry Natalie 07736 740585

Mondays 5.30pm Celtic Way Community Centre, Rhoose Helen 01446 750738/ 07968 355119

Mondays 5:30pm and 7:30pm Tabernacle Church Kings Square, Barry Lorraine 01446 407002

Tuesdays 9:30am Gilgal Church, Woodland Ave, Porthcawl Bev 07912 172674

Tuesdays 9:30am and 11.30am Parish of Our Lady & St Illtyd, (Catholic Church), Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major Helen 01446 750738/ 07968355119

Tuesdays 5:30pm and 7:30pm Cornelly Methodist Church (opp. surgery) Dee 07733 267369

Tuesdays 5:30pm and 7:30pm Parish of Our Lady & St Illtyd, (Catholic Church), Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major Helen 01446 750738/ 07968355119

Tuesdays 5:30pm Holy Trinity Presbyterian, Church Hall, Trinity Street, Barry Joanne 01446 404897

Tuesdays 6:30pm The Old School, South Road, Sully CF64 5TG Nicola - 01446 740394

Wednesdays 9.30am Cornelly Methodist Church (opp. surgery) Dee 07733 267369

Wednesdays 9.30am and 11.30am All Saints Church Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth Tracy 07894 275853

Wednesdays 5.00pm All Saints Church Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth Tracy 07894 275853

Wednesdays 6:00pm Cadoxton Methodist Church, Church Road, Barry Joanne 01446 404897

Wednesdays 4:45pm and 6:45pm St Francis Millennium Centre, Park Road, Porth-Y-Castell, Barry Annamarie 01446 736534

Wednesday 3.30pm, 5.30pm, and 7.30pm Bridgend Deaf Club, Coychurch Road, Bridgend Helen - 01656 720963

Thursdays 3.30pm, 5.30pm and 7.30pm Talbot Community Centre, Kenfig Hill Millie 07765 040006

Thursdays 9.30am Bridgend Nolton Church Hall (Merthyr Mawr Road) Donna 07790 797008

Thursdays 10.15am St Helen's Church Hall, Wyndham Street, Barry CF63 4EL Nicola - 01446 740394

Thursdays 5:30pm Highlight Park Community Centre, Barry Annamarie 01446 736534

Thursdays 5.30pm Pencoed Rugby Football Club Donna 07790 797008

Thursdays 5.30pm & 7.30pm The Cabin, (next to Swim Pool), rear of Hebron Hall, Cross Common Rd, Dinas Powys Tracy 07894 275853

Fridays 9.30am The Cabin, (next to Swim Pool), rear of Hebron Hall, Cross Common Rd, Dinas Powys Tracy 07894 275853

visit the website for delicious recipes
slimmingworld.co.uk
0344 897 8000

Slimming World

Call 01446 774484 to advertise with The GEM, and reach 45,000 homes from Penarth to Porthcawl

Malmo Hearing
Local Hearing Care for Local People

Now in the Vale of Glamorgan at:

ARBUTHNOT OPTICIANS
6 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7XP

COWBRIDGE & WESTERN VALE GROUP PRACTICE CF71 7DA

• Free Hearing Assessment
• Demonstrations of the latest Hearing Aid technology
• Hearing Aid Servicing
• Hearing Aid Repairs
• Comprehensive range of accessories
• Hearing Protection
• Microsuction Ear Wax Removal Service
• Professional & Highly Trained Audiologists
• Outstanding Customer Service & Aftercare
• Local clinics throughout South Wales

Call now for an appointment...
01656 652444

info@bridgend-hearing.co.uk
www.bridgend-hearing.co.uk

Eich Gŵyl Gymraeg chi!

MAE Menter Bro Ogwr yn rhoi hwb i'r Gymraeg yn sir Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr. Mae'r Fenter m e w n cydweithrediad ag Awen yn cynnal gŵyl undydd ym Mharc Gwledig Bryngarw ar ddydd Sadwrn, y 9fed o Orffennaf rhwng 10.30yb a 4yp.

Bydd Gŵyl Ogi Ogi Ogwr yn darparu cyfleoedd ar gyfer amryw o berfformwyr neu grwpiau sy'n gweithio yn Gymraeg. Bydd hefyd cyfle i'r cyhoedd gasglu gwybodaeth am yr amrywiaeth o wasanaethau a sefydliadau Cymraeg sy'n gweithredu yn yr ardal. Mae Menter Bro Ogwr wedi trefnu'r digwyddiad yma gydag ymrwymiad a chydweithrediad o'i phartneriaid, felly bydd pawb yno!

Mae staff a phwyllgor rheoli Menter Bro Ogwr llawn cyffro ac yn edrych ymlaen at yr ŵyl undydd yma, y cyntaf o'i fath i ddigwydd ym Mharc Gwledig Bryngarw.

Mawr obeithiwn y gallwch chi ymuno â ni yn ystod y dydd, gŵyl Gymraeg llawn hwyl am ddim. Dewch yn llu!

Your Welsh festival!

MENTER Bro Ogwr is a Welsh Language Initiative giving the Welsh language a boost in Bridgend county borough.

The Welsh charity has teamed up with Awen this year in order to provide a one-day festival to be held at Bryngarw County Park on Saturday, July 9, between 10.30am and 4pm.

The 'Ogi Ogi Ogwr' festival will provide the opportunity for a range of performers and groups who work in Welsh, also giving the public a chance to collect information about a variety of services and Welsh organisations operating in the area.

Menter Bro Ogwr has organised this event with cooperation from their partners, so everyone will be there!

The staff and management board at Menter Bro Ogwr are excited and looking forward to the festival, which is the first of its kind to take place at Bryngarw Country Park.

We do hope that you can join us throughout the day, a Welsh fun festival, free for all.

AE

Russian Superjet visits airport

by GEOFF JONES

WE often overlook the really interesting aircraft that come and go at our airport, concentrating on passenger growth and new routes.

The arrival on Saturday morning of this Russian-built Sukhoi passenger jet was a real seminal moment for the airport, and although in the future other Sukhoi Su-100-95s may appear, the chance to see and photograph one of the products of the up-coming Russian aerospace industry was indeed a treat for many local enthusiasts.

This is the first Sukhoi Su-100-95 Superjet to visit Cardiff, a CityJet aircraft EI-FWA which arrived from Dublin on June 11 to operate a day charter for Welsh football fans attending the UEFA Euro 2016 match between Wales and Slovakia in Bordeaux.

CityJet is based in Dublin and made headlines last year when it announced the airline would buy a fleet of Sukhois when most of the world's airlines have ordered Boeings, Airbus, Bombardier and Embraer passenger jets.

The prototype first flew in May 2008 and Sukhoi has accumulated over 300 orders for the type.

The French company Snecma is a risk share partner on the project and Alenia Aeronautica in Italy a strategic partner.

The aircraft can carry around 100 passengers in a 2x2 configuration and is built in Russia by Sukhoi at their Komsomolsk-on-Amur factory in the Voronzeh region of the country.

The Sukhoi Su-100-95 Superjet at Cardiff Airport.

Two joint-venture, Russian-built Power JetSaM146 engines power the aircraft and it received European (EASA) certification in February 2012.

This particular aircraft was delivered from Venice to Dublin on June 2, and in the following days carried out 'route proving' and 'service entry' flights using Prestwick on several occasions.

During the following days, its first commercial flight was to carry the Irish football team and supporters to Paris, for their first match of the tournament against Sweden at the State de France.

CityJet's second Su-100-95 is scheduled for delivery later in June with another two aircraft due to be delivered later this year, part of the airline's order for 15 of the type to replace its now-aging Bae146s/AvroRJ85s.

Sail day raises funds for the RNLI

A TOTAL of 28 yachts, with 250 people aboard, helped raise £24,000 for the RNLI by taking part in Cardiff Sail Day earlier this month.

The lifesaving charity is already calling on people to register their interest in taking part in next year's race. The event depends on local yacht owners donating their time and the use of their vessels to enable corporate sponsors to sail on their vessels.

After mustering in Cardiff Bay, the race started at Penarth Pier and the course plotted a route across the Bristol Channel towards Weston-super-Mare, next heading for Bristol, across to Newport, before returning to Penarth Pier. This year's participants had a closer look at RNLI lifeboats from Barry Dock and Penarth.

The winning boat was *Turkana* owned by Tony Rayer and sponsored by Simon Clarke of Retrofit/Techni3, who won the trophy originally donated by WT Davies some 25 years ago, and whose widow, Joan Davies, presented it to the winners. A close second was *Forward Thinking* owned by Steve Nicholls, sponsored by Alison Hoy of Berry Smith. After the sail, participants were invited to the dock in Cardiff Bay for a buffet, raffle prizes and a celebration.

Cardiff RNLI chairman Colin Lyons said: "Every year this event goes from strength to strength with more and more yachts and corporate sponsors offering their support. The aim is simple: to make as much as we can for the RNLI, one of the best charities in the world. Our grateful thanks go to the boat owners from Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, Penarth Marina, Penarth and Cardiff Yacht Clubs and Cardiff Marina."

Resident to stand as an independent

RHOOSE ward resident, Adam Riley, is standing as an independent candidate in the by-election to be held on June 30.

A civil servant, Mr Riley has lived in East Aberthaw for 12 years with his partner. They have two young children.

Over the past two years, Mr Riley has been a leader of the Save Rhoose Library campaign to retain a professional library service in Rhoose.

Mr Riley, who is not a member of any political party, believes that local politics should be all about local issues.

He told The GEM: "I feel that the Vale Council's history of being run along national party lines has been to the detriment of Rhoose in recent years, with Rhoose suffering from over-development and cuts to valued services.

I believe that ward representation is best done by somebody living in the ward and with nobody living within the ward coming forward to stand as an independent, I have decided to take on the task myself.

"Population growth due to housing development has pushed Rhoose towards the size of a small town. And yet I see none of the benefits of a town – decent infrastructure, a local economy, open spaces for children to play safely.

Adam Riley.

"All I see are more houses. Plans for future development in the ward must be examined and challenged much more rigorously to make sure that they will include what is so badly needed.

"As a Rhoose councillor, I would seek to negotiate with the private operators for an increase in the frequency of bus and rail services.

"I would also campaign within the council for expansion of the Greenlinks bus service to help the people of the ward."

Latest distribution for The GEM

45,489 WEEKLY COPIES

31/12/15 (Independently audited by David Pinder & Co Ltd Chartered Accountants)

Reliable delivery through the letterbox every week! Free online too!

The number of local paid-for newspapers continues to decline. Here, we keep you up to date with the...

LATEST NEWSPAPER SALES FIGURES!

The GEM	45,489	(Jan 2015 - Dec 2015)	Priceless
Barry & District News	3,929	(Jan 2015 - June 2015)	Paid 50p
Penarth Times	4,132	(Jan 2015 - Dec 2015)	Paid 50p
South Wales Echo	19,158	(Jan 2015 - June 2015)	Paid 65p
Western Mail	18,641	(Jan 2015 - Dec 2015)	Paid 80p
Glamorgan Gazette	9,094	(Jan 2015 - June 2015)	Paid 90p
Wales on Sunday	14,789	(Jan 2015 - Dec 2015)	Paid £1.50

The GEM's weekly figure includes door to door delivery and numerous popular outlets from Penarth to Porthcawl

Latest abc Data available

That's why advertisers continue to enjoy a positive response from us - The GEM is 'Priceless'!

Remember - we distribute over 45,000 complimentary copies of **The GEM** throughout the Vale, Bridgend & Porthcawl every week – packed with all the content that makes a community newspaper really worth reading!

(Figures correct as of April 2016)

WELSH – BUT WITH ENGLISH FORBEARS!

THE ROYAL Welsh Regiment would not be expected to have its origins in army formations raised in Shropshire and Kent in 1689, during the reign of William and Mary, but Cowbridge U3A discovered the connections at their June monthly meeting.

The guest speaker was Richard Davies, curator of the Regimental Museum of the Royal Welsh in Brecon. His illustrated talk began with a potted history showing how the regiments, raised by Lord Herbert in Ludlow and Sir Edward Dering in southern England became the 23rd (Welsh Regiment of Fusiliers) and 24th Regiments of Foot (eventually to be the South Wales Borderers).

Other components in the regimental timeline were the 41st (Invalids) and 69th (South Lincolnshire) and these would merge in 1881 to create the Welch Regiment (yes, spelt with a 'c).

Further amalgamations of units, as the number of infantrymen in the British Army has reduced considerably, would result in the formation of the Royal Welsh in 2006. Battle honours have been gained for actions such as Blenheim, the American War of Independence, Waterloo, the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny.

However, thanks to the 1964 Stanley Baker-produced film *Zulu*, probably the best-known battle involving the 24th is the defence of Rorke's Drift in 1879, a small mission station – about the size of four tennis courts – used as a supply depot and hospital by the military during the invasion of Zululand.

After the British commander, Lord Chelmsford, had split his force to lead a reconnaissance the whole Zulu army had attacked his unfortified camp at Isandlwana (a mountain resembling the 'Sphinx' cap badge worn by the 24th) and wiped out a substantial British contingent, including most of the 1st Battalion, 24th Foot.

More than 4,000 Zulu warriors who had not been involved in this fighting attacked the small garrison, composed mainly of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 24th Foot, about 150 men at Rorke's Drift. The mission station, under the command of Lieutenants Chard and Bromhead, had been hastily prepared for defence with barricades of biscuit boxes and mealie bags.

Mr Davies told the audience that the film's aim was primarily entertainment, not a historical documentary. Experts have identified 144 inaccuracies, one them being to depict the regiment's personnel as being mainly Welsh.

In fact, the 24th was named the 2nd Warwickshires in 1879 and most of the defenders of Rorke's Drift were English or Irish, outnumbering the Welsh by about two to one in B Coy. The real story, without the Hollywood embellishments, is no less heroic.

Private Henry Hook, from Gloucestershire, is shown in *Zulu* to be an alcoholic malingerer, whereas he was teetotal and of exemplary character.

He was defending the hospital with Private John Fielding (who had enlisted under the name John Williams), born in Abergavenny, when the building's roof was set alight. There was no internal corridor and all doors opened only onto a verandah, where the Zulus were massed. The two soldiers had to dig through the mud walls of rooms, dragging patients through the holes while keeping the enemy at bay and hand-to-hand fighting took place in the confined spaces as Zulus gained entry into the rooms.

Eventually, after joining forces with Privates Robert Jones and William Jones, Hook and Fielding managed to shepherd a number of patients to safety. All four men would receive the Victoria Cross, among the 11 of these medals awarded for gallantry during the action; in total, seven VCs went to members of the 24th.

A letter, hastily scribbled on a chit for mealie bags from Assistant Commissary Officer Walter Dunne to his friend Captain Warneford at Cape Colony, is believed to be the first written account of the defence of Rorke's Drift.

It was purchased for £15,000 at auction by the museum a couple of years ago and is now on display in Brecon, as are many other items, not just from the Zulu War, but from 300 years of global travel by the antecedent units of the Royal Welsh.

The audience was even told why the British Army had adopted red coats as their uniform. The answer was simple: the government procured red dye as it was the cheapest available at the time.

Next meeting: a talk entitled: 'The Air Ambulance', by Catrin Hall, at 2pm on Wednesday, July 13 in Cowbridge Town Hall. Visitors welcome (there is a small fee, which includes refreshments).

SPM

Local company praised for 'fantastic' contribution to economy of Barry

by PHILIP IRWIN

A COMPANY based in Barry has been praised for its "fantastic" contribution to business and the economy in the Vale by local AM Jane Hutt.

Ms Hutt was in Barry for the opening ceremony for Masons Self Storage Centre – the first such unit in south Wales to offer 24/7 access to units, 365 days a year – and she cut the ribbon alongside Gordon Mason, one of the group's senior directors.

Jane Hutt said: "It was a great honour to formally open the Masons newly-expanded 24/7 self storage facility in The Vale and to congratulate this pioneering family business, which celebrates 25 years of self storage – alongside their longstanding removals business, built up by the Masons' grandfather.

"It was also great to visit the Sensory Bus, which makes such a difference to so many peoples' lives and is supported by the Mason's Group of businesses."

The demand for self storage has grown rapidly in recent years, and Masons has made sure that they have expanded to meet that demand.

However, 25 years ago it needed a company with the vision to spot that trend, and Masons were able to take advantage of the directors' foresight.

This latest expansion has taken the number of storage rooms available from 80 to 250, and already a high percentage are booked up.

The GEM asked Gordon and his brother Richard Mason what they felt was behind the growth in self storage.

Gordon said that the biggest factor was the increased mobility that people needed now in their working lives, leading to people putting a number of possessions in storage until they were settled.

However, for some people, the motivation for using storage facilities is different.

Richard said: "We have had people who have kept the same storage unit for 20 years.

"It becomes part of their lives, and they keep the things they can't bear to finally part with."

Gordon added that there were a number of other reasons people booked space. He said: "A number of businesses have done their sums and realised that it can be cheaper to use us than pay rates on buildings and rooms.

"For instance, we have legal firms who store documents, and shops that keep surplus stock here."

The company did a great deal of market research, and has added some important extras. Storage pods and a trailer pick up service are now available for all customers, with no need to hire a van.

Masons also identified a lack of easily accessible, good quality packaging supplies in the Vale, and so have created a shop to sell everything necessary for packing up a home or business – and they are working towards launching the online shop later in the year.

Also present at the opening ceremony was the Positive Interactions 'Sensory Bus' – a charitable project that is supported by Masons.

Gordon Mason said: "When we met Paul and Sylvia from Positive Interactions, who were looking for some help to get their sensory bus off the ground, we were eager to get involved.

"The sensory bus project is a fantastic initiative that could really help children in the Vale and further afield in south Wales.

"The idea is to create a calm environment where people with learning disabilities and their families can come and relax. Sensory rooms can have benefits for everyone, but may be particularly beneficial for children and adults with special needs, behavioural disorders, sensory processing disorders, disabilities and conditions including dementia, autism, brain injury, chronic pain, and for those in palliative care.

"Positive Interaction's sensory bus will be able to go a step further, by taking the sensory environment to those who might not be able to easily access a centre."

Jane Hutt and Gordon Mason prepare to cut the ribbon.

Guests at the opening.

ABOVE: Richard Mason, Jane Hutt and Gordon Mason.

The 'Sensory Bus' is a charity supported by the Masons group.

Brynteg Cottage, Treoes, Vale of Glamorgan, CF35 5DL. £175,000

- Stone built extended semi-detached cottage.
- Entrance Hall. Spacious Lounge/Dining Room. Kitchen. Rear Hall/Utility Room.
- Spacious Ground Floor Bathroom. Two Double Bedrooms. First Floor Cloakroom.
- Gravelled Forecourt and Rear Garden.
- Freehold. No Chain.

hrt herbert r thomas

Cowbridge
01446 772911
www.hrt.uk.com

90 EST. 1926 CELEBRATING 90 YEARS

Kids Out day for Barry children

THE Rotary Club of Barry supported Rotary's national 'Kids Out' event on June 8 and took 40 pupils from Oakfield and Colcot primary schools in Barry by coach to Brean Sands Theme Park in Somerset.

The pupils enjoyed the theme park rides, as well as being provided with hats, sweets and ice-cream for all!

The day out was made possible thanks to the continued generosity of the general public in supporting the Rotary Clubs' fundraising events.

Speaking on behalf of the Rotary Club of Barry at the end of the very successful day, president Paul Halstead, said:

"It was a pleasure to accompany the pupils and see their smiling faces as they enjoyed themselves. The Barry Club's Kids Out event was organised on behalf of the Rotary Club of Barry by past president, Carl Kerr."

Rotarian Jill Osborne

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(CYFYNGIAD CYFLYMDER 40MYA A4050 FFORDD Y PORTHLADD A DIRYMIAD) 2016

Hysbysir drwy hyn fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 84 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill yn cynnig, mewn dim llai na 21 diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, wneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodlen isod:

Gall manylion llawn y cynigion, gan gynnwys y Gorchymyn arfaethedig a chynllun Rhif T/15/144/WS, gael eu harchwilio yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Rhaid cyflwyno unrhyw wrthwynebiad sydd gennych i'r cynnig hwn i Gyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai (Cyf. IF800) yn ysgrifenedig erbyn 8 Gorffennaf 2016 a rhaid nodi eich rhesymau dros wrthwynebu.

Rhoddir gwybod i unrhyw un sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig, yn sgîl Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Myneddiad i Wybodaeth) 1985, fod gofyniad cyfreithiol ar y Cyngor hwn i roi unrhyw sylwadau a geir mewn ymateb i'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig ar gael i'r cyhoedd eu harchwilio.

Gorchymyn Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 40mya

ATODLEN 1

Ni ddylai unrhyw berson yrru na chaniatáu i gerbyd (ac eithrio Cerbyd Eithriedig) yrru ar gyflymder o fwy na 40 milltir yr awr rhwng y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod:

ATODLEN 2

A4050 Ffordd y Porthladd o Groes Cwrlwys i'r Barri

O bwynt 200 metr i'r de-ddwyrain o gylchfan Brooklands Terrace tua'r de i bwynt tua 70 metr i'r de-orllewin o'r gyffordd â'r A4231 Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri.

Dirymu'n rhannol y Gorchymyn canlynol:-

Gorchymyn Cyngor Sir De Morgannwg A48 / A4050 (Cyfyngiad Cyflymder) 1991.

Atodlen 2 (50mya)

Ffordd y Porthladd (A4050 Prif Ffordd)

O bwynt 200 metr i'r de-ddwyrain o gylchfan Brooklands Terrace tua'r de i bwynt tua 70 metr i'r de-orllewin o'r gyffordd â'r A4231 Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri.

Dirymu'r Diwygiad i'r Gorchymyn canlynol:-

Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (A4050 Ffordd y Porthladd y Barri) (Diwygiad i'r cyfyngiadau cyflymder 40 a 50mya Cyfredol) 2011

Dyddiedig 16 Mehefin 2016

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
Yr Alpau, Gwenfô CF5 6AA

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PORT ROAD A4050 40MPH SPEED RESTRICTION AND REVOCATION) ORDER 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than twenty one days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedule below:

Full details of the proposals, to include the proposed Order and plan No T/15/144/WS, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objection you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Environment & Housing (Ref. IF800) in writing by 8th July 2016 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

40mph Speed Restriction Order

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle (with the exception of an Exempted Vehicle) to proceed at a speed greater than 40 miles per hour between the locations specified in Schedule 2 below:

SCHEDULE 2

A4050 Port Road from Culverhouse Cross to Barry

From a point 200 metres south east of the Brooklands Terrace roundabout in a generally southerly direction to a point approximately 70 metres southwest of the junction with the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road.

Revoke in part the following Order:-

The County Council of South Glamorgan A48 / A4050 (Speed Restriction) Order 1991.

Schedule 2 (50mph)

Port Road (A4050 Principal Road)

From a point 200 metres south east of the Brooklands Terrace roundabout in a generally southerly direction to a point approximately 70 metres southwest of the junction with the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road.

Revoke the Amendment to the following Order:-

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (A4050 Port Road Barry Amendment to Existing (40 and 50mph speed restrictions) Order 2011

Dated this 16th day of June 2016

M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council
The Alps Wenvoe CF5 6AA

WE'VE GOT THE DEALS. YOU DO THE MATHS.

USE OUR ONLINE **HELP TO BUY CALCULATOR** TO SEE HOW MUCH DEPOSIT YOU NEED WITH HELP TO BUY.*

Only three homes remain at Channel Heights – all of which are available with Help to Buy.

Here's you chance to buy a brand new 4 bedroom home today with a deposit as little as 5% and lower monthly mortgage payments.

To see if you can buy for less than it costs you per month in rent – test our team! We're on standby to help you to get the very best deal on a brand new home in Rhoose Point.

CHANNEL HEIGHTS, off Trem Echni, Rhoose Point, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3LY

Call Channel Heights on 01446 500865
or visit www.taylorwimpey.co.uk/channel-heights
Sales centre open Thursday to Monday 10am – 5pm

Taylor Wimpey

Brighter Moves ESTATE AGENTS

MARKETING CHECKLIST ....

Rightmove ☑ Zoopla ☑ Prime Location ☑ Newspaper Advertising ☑
Window Display ☑ Accompanied Viewings ☑ Floor Plans ☑
Local Agent ☑ Trusted Agent ☑ Fee's that please ☑

CALL BRIGHTER MOVES!

Zoopla.co.uk Your advantage in property
rightmove.co.uk The UK's number one property website
primelocation.com
The Property Ombudsman
NAEA

PROPERTIES REQUIRED for Waiting Buyers

BOVERTON — NEW

£549,950
Boverton Park Drive, CF61 1YN
STONE BARN CONVERSION
FOUR BEDROOMS
PERIOD FEATURES, PRIVATE GROUNDS

PENMARK

£525,000
Croft John, CF62 3BQ
THREE BEDROOMS, DETACHED PROPERTY
APPROX TWO ACRES
DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

BARRY

£289,995
Nant Talwg Way, CF62 6LZ
FOUR BEDROOMS
MODERN PROPERTY, LARGE GARAGE
OPEN VIEWS TO THE REAR

LLANTWIT MAJOR

£280,000
21 Tewdrig Close, CF61 1SZ
FOUR BEDROOMS, UNIQUE PROPERTY
OPEN VIEWS
LARGE GARDENS

LLANTWIT MAJOR

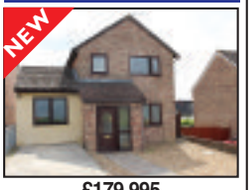
£249,950
Voss Park Close, CF61 1YF
FREEHOLD, THREE BEDROOMS
POPULAR LOCATION
EXTENDED KITCHEN/DINER

MARCROSS

£249,950
Channel View, CF61 1ZE
FREEHOLD, THREE BEDROOM
STUNNING CHANNEL VIEWS
SPACIOUS REAR GARDEN, NO CHAIN

ST ATHAN

£229,950
Wyndham House, CF62 4LY
FREEHOLD
FOUR BEDROOMS, TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
GARDENS TO FRONT AND REAR

BRYNCETHIN — NEW

£179,995
Heol Yr Eglws, CF32 9JP.
THREE/FOUR BEDROOM PROPERTY, MODERN PROPERTY, NO ONGOING CHAIN,
SOUTH WESTERLY GARDEN.

LLANTWIT MAJOR

£122,500
2 Elm Lodge, CF61 1BN
TWO BEDROOMS, FREEHOLD
UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
GAS CENTRAL HEATING

ST ATHAN — NEW

£99,995
37 Partridge Road, CF62 4NF
FREEHOLD, TWO BEDROOMS.
UPVC DOUBLE GLAZINGCENTRAL HEATING

PONTYCYMMER — NEW

£84,995
Meadow Street, CF32 8HF
FREEEHOLD, THREE BEDROOMS
MODERN KITCHEN AND BATHROOM
NO ON GOING CHAIN

NANTYMOEL — NEW

£71,000
1 Osborne Terrace, CF32 7NP
FREEHOLD, TWO BEDROOMS
LARGE BATHROOM, AGA COOKING
COMBINATION BOILER, OPEN VIEWS ACROSS VALLEY

Free Valuation, For Sale Boards, Floor Plans, Accompanied Viewings and Internet Advertising
Rentals 01656 655989 www.brightermoves.co.uk • E-Mail: info@brightermoves.co.uk

1 Pound Field, Llantwit Major, CF61 1DL. 01446 794433.

a Wyndham House, Wyndham Street, idgend, CF31 1EF. 01656 655936.

105 Talbot Road, Talbot Green, CF72 8AE. 01443 222420.

Own your own holiday home

at Pendine Sands, Carmarthenshire

PRE-OWNED CARAVANS FOR SALE
at just
£14,995*
Inc. 2016 site fees

We sell Caravans, Mobile Homes and Twin Lodges

Own your own holiday home at this stunning beachside location in South Wales.

Probably the biggest and best range of Caravans & Lodges for Sale in South Wales, Come and see for yourself.
Get ready for the long hot summer ahead!

Put us in your Sat Nav - SA33 4NZ

Call us on 01994 453 655 to arrange your viewing today!

*Excludes rates insurance. ^Finance subject to availability and status, terms and conditions apply. Parkdean Holiday Parks Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority under firm reference number 670394 as a credit broker. Parkdean is the trading name of Parkdean Holiday Parks Limited (number 4086679) whose registered office is 2nd Floor, One Gosforth Park Way, Gosforth Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE12 8ET.

Parkdean
24 Award Winning UK Holiday Parks

BRINSONS
CHARTERED SURVEYORS
The Complete Property Professionals

www.brinsons.co.uk
Cowbridge Office:
01446 771777

CARDIFF ROAD, COWBRIDGE

- End of terrace property
- 4 bedrooms
- Centre of Cowbridge
- Private parking

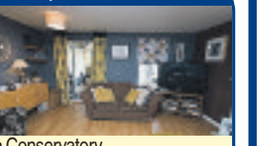
£465,000

OFFICIAL SUPPORTER
CANOLFAN CANSER VELINDRE CANCER CENTRE
Fundraising

Team up with **BRINSONS** to support Velindre Cancer Care

www.brinsons.co.uk

CWRT NEWTON POOL, RHOOSE


- 3 bedroom semi detached property
- Conservatory
- Garage
- Rear garden

£185,000

CAPEL-YR-EFAIL, LLANCARFAN

- Converted Chapel
- 5 bedrooms
- Large gardens
- Rural settings

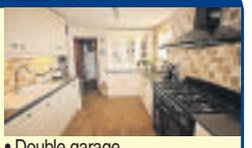
£710,000

THE CAUSEWAY, LLANBLETHIAN

- Large detached property
- 4 bedrooms
- Double garage with workshop
- Spacious landscaped gardens

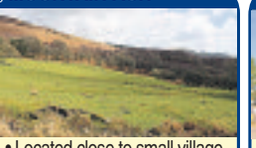
£560,000

THE LEYS, GILESTON


- 4 bedrooms
- Detached annex
- Double garage
- Beach location

£465,000

GELLI DDU FARM, MOUNTAIN ASH


- Approximately 336 acres
- Potential for agricultural and equestrian use
- Located close to small village of Cwmpennar

£650,000

EWENNY ROAD, BRIDGEND

- Semi detached property
- 3 bedrooms
- Extended and improved
- Well regarded location

£215,000

MACKWORTH STREET, BRIDGEND

- Mid-terrace property
- 3 bedrooms
- Private garden to rear
- Located near Bridgend town centre

£107,500

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITE, TREHERBERT

- 6.52 acres residential development site
- Planning consent for 59 units
- No affordable housing required

£650,000

GROESWEN ROAD, CAERPHILLY

- Development potential
- Planning for three cottages
- Sought after location
- Rarely available

£330,000

WEST WINDS, PEN-Y-FAI

- Extended 4 bedroom property
- Secluded location
- Generous gardens and paddock
- Potential building plot

£595,000

CLARE DRIVE, COWBRIDGE

- Extended 4 bedroom detached property
- 3 reception rooms
- Centre of Cowbridge
- Private Parking

£415,000

23 ACRES AT GARTH

- Extending to approximately 23 acres
- Located on the outskirts of Garth
- Small areas of amenity woodland

£50,000

CAERGYMRUG FARM, GARTH

- Development site
- C.10.6 acres
- Planning for 3 bedroom house
- Rare opportunity

£189,000

THE SYCAMORES, LLYSWORNEY

- 4 bedroom detached cottage
- 3 reception rooms
- Large gardens
- Detached garage

£500,000

MAES SLOWES LEYES, RHOOSE

- Spacious family home
- 4 bedrooms
- 2 reception rooms
- Garage

£233,000

GARDEN FLAT, COWBRIDGE

- Garden flat
- One bedroom
- Refurbished
- Town centre location

£550pcm

THE MEADOWS, CORNTOWN

- Extended semi detached property
- 3 bedrooms
- Cul de sac position
- Off road parking

£695pcm

MALLORY, LLANMAES

- Spacious detached property
- 4 bedrooms
- 3 reception rooms
- Conservatory

£415,000

rightmove.co.uk The UK's number one property website
OnTheMarket.com
ARLA
RICS

pa black
Prestige homes from Peter Alan Ltd

Cowbridge
01446 772857
cowbridge@pablack.co.uk
52 High Street, Cowbridge
www.pablack.co.uk

Llanmaes Vale of Glamorgan

- Well presented 4 bedroom detached property
- Well appointed kitchen/dining room
- Sitting room with stone feature fire place
- Conservatory leading to large garden
- Country views

EPC = D

£475,000

Boverton Road Llantwit Major

- A highly versatile modern detached family house
- Principal self-contained bedroom suite with en suite bathroom, dressing room and kitchenette
- 5 bedrooms, 4/5 reception rooms
- Large kitchen/Dining room

EPC = D

£450,000

Somerset View Ogmore by Sea

- Coastal location with spectacular sea views
- 5 double bedrooms
- 3 reception rooms plus garden room
- Kitchen Breakfast room
- Coservatory opening to rear gardens
- Double garage

EPC = D

£465,000

Corntown Vale of Glamorgan

- Beautifully presented detached residence
- Three reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen / breakfast room
- Four bedrooms with en-suite to bedroom one. Family bathroom
- Garage and Driveway

EPC = C

£435,000

Church Road, Wick Vale of Glamorgan

- Versatile four bedroom detached bungalow
- Attractive coastal village location opposite Church and Village Hall
- Two bedrooms on the ground floor and two on the first floor
- Large kitchen/breakfast room
- Contemporary bathroom suites
- Southerly aspect rear garden

EPC = D £335,000

2,3 & 4 bedroom houses needed for waiting buyers in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Contact us today for a free market appraisal of your home.

Tair Croes, Ewenny Vale of Glamorgan

- A charming detached three bedroom country cottage
- Outstanding panoramic views across Vale of Glamorgan meadows to the Bristol Channel
- Original features and a large multi fuel stove
- Potential to extend the property into a four bedroom family home.

EPC = E £425,000

The Property Ombudsman SALES
NAEA
Zoopla.co.uk
rightmove
PrimeLocation.com

1 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7AA

Sales: 01446 736888

Lettings: 01446 734668

www.homesonview.co.uk

www.ninaestateagents.co.uk

fish4homes Zoopla.co.uk rightmove

nina estate agents

website:
www.ninaestateagents.co.uk
email:
enquiries@ninaestateagents.co.uk

FindaProperty.com propertyfinder.com OFT Approved code NAEA

NEW

RICHARD STREET, BARRY
- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- THROUGH LIVING/DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM TO FIRST FLOOR
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN - LANE ACCESS
- AMIDST TOWN CENTRE LOCATION
- NO CHAIN
- SOLD AS SEEN - SERVICES NOT TESTED
- ER=F

£89,950

NEW

WINDSOR ROAD, BARRY
- PRE-OWNED APARTMENT
- 2 BEDROOMS
- OPEN PLAN LOUNGE/KITCHEN
- SITUATED ON 2ND FLOOR
- LIFT & SECURITY ENTRY SYSTEM
- CCTV MONITORING ALL FLOORS
- GYMNASIUM AND LAUNDRY ROOM
- PARKING
- WEST END LOCATION
- NO CHAIN ER=D

£107,500

NEW

SEAPOINT, BARRY
- TOP FLOOR (3RD) APARTMENT
- STUNNING VIEWS OVER THE OLD HARBOUR
- TWO BEDROOMS
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN,BATHROOM
- PARKING IN A BLOCK-FIRST COME BASIS
- £70.00 PCM MAINTENANCE CHARGE
- VIEWING ADVISED
- EPC - TBA

£112,500

NEW

QUEEN STREET, BARRY
- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- WELL MAINTAINED & REFURBISHED
- ELEVATED REAR GARDEN
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- ER=D

£125,000

NEW

QUEEN STREET, BARRY
- TRADITIONAL MID TERRACE
- THREE BEDROOMS
- UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- WELL PRESENTED
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- ER=D

£127,000

NEW

WOODLANDS ROAD, BARRY
- TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- TOWN CENTRE LOCATION
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- DOUBLE GARAG
- UPVC D/G & GCH VIA COMBI BOILER
- ER=D

£144,950

NEW SSTC

WHITMORE PARK DRIVE, BARRY
- MODERN SEMI DETACHED
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM - OPEN PLAN KITCHEN
- CONSERVATORY
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- DRIVEWAY PROVIDING OFF ROAD PARKING
- NO CHAIN
- ER=D

£164,950

NEW

SPRING STREET, BARRY
- DETACHED PROPERTY
- 3 BEDROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- CONSERVATORY
- FAMILY BATHROOM TO 1ST FLOOR
- GARAGE & OFF ROAD PARKING
- UPVC THROUGHOUT
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING VIA COMBI
- ER=D

£169,950

NEW

TREM MAPGOLL, BARRY
- 3 STOREY TOWN HOUS
- INTEGRAL GARAGE & CLOAKROOM
- 1ST FL: LOUNGE & KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- FRENCH DOORS OPENING ONTO REAR GARDEN
- 2ND FL: 3 BEDROOMS
- MASTER EN SUITE
- DRIVEWAY
- NO CHAIN
- ER=C

£189,950

NEW

BLACKBERRY DRIVE, BARRY
- MODERN DETACHE
- LIVING DINING ROOM
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- FOUR BEDROOMS (MASTER EN-SUITE)
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
- POPULAR WEST END ARE
- ER=TBC

£224,950

NEW SSTC

BLODYN Y GOG, BARRY
- SPLIT LEVEL PROPERTY
- 4 BEDROOMS
- GROUND FL: CLOAKROOM. LOUNGE WITH BALCONY
- DINING ROOM, KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- BEDROOM 4/STUDY
- LOWER LEVEL: 3 BEDROOMS
- EN SUITE SHOWER ROOM
- FAMILY BATHROOM & UTILITY
- PARKING FOR SEVERAL CARS
- ER=D

£259,950

NEW

MAES Y GWENYN, RHOOSE POINT
- WELL PRESENTED
- FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- EN SUITE & DRESSING ROOM
- LIVING ROOM, DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- PRIVATE ENCLOSED GARDEN
- DOUBLE GARAGE
- EPC=C

£299,950

NEW

ROMILLY PARK ROAD, BARRY
- SHOW HOME PRESENTED
- TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM,DINING AREA
- SITTING ROOM
- REPLACEMENT FITTED KITCHEN
- GROUND FLOOR SHOWER ROOM
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- 1ST FLR: SHOWER ROOM
- DOUBLE DETACHED COACH HOUSE TO THE REAR
- ER=E

£354,950

GILBERT STREET, BARRY
- TRADITIONAL MID TERRACE
- LIVING ROOM & DINING ROO
- FITTED KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS - MASTER ENSUITE
- GROUND FLOOR BATHROOM
- GARAGE & LANE ACCESS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING VIA COMBI
- NO CHAIN
- ER=E

£74,950

OFFERS CONSIDERED

BROOK STREET, BARRY
- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- TWO BEDROOMS
- FIRST FLR: BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED GARDEN
- GARAGE/LANE ACCESS
- OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN
- NO CHAIN
- IN NEED OF MODERNISATION
- ER=F

£81,500

LITTLE MOORS HILL, BARRY
- END OF LINK
- LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- FAM. BATHROOM
- UPVC D GLAZING
- NO CHAIN
- ER=D

£99,950

BELVEDERE CRESCENT, BARRY
- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- LIVING/DINING AREA
- FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR
- UPVC - GCH
- TOWN CENTRE LOCATION
- ER=D

£105,000

HANNAH STREET, BARRY
- TRADITIONAL END OF TERRACE
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- SHOWER BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED GARDEN
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- ER=E

£112,000

CLIVE ROAD, BARRY
- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- THREE BEDROOMS
- GROUND FLOOR BATHROOM
- THROUGH LOUNGE/DINER
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- GCH VIA COMBI BOILER
- WATERFRONT VIEWS
- NO CHAIN
- ER=D

£118,500

3 BEDS +ATTIC AREA

BASSETT STREET, BARRY
- MID TERRACE TRADITIONAL
- 3 BEDROOMS
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- ATTIC ROOM
- ENTRANCE PORCH
- CONVENIENT LOCATION
- GCH VIA COMBI
- NO CHAIN
- ER=E

£119,000

SALISBURY ROAD, BARRY
- END OF TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- THROUGH LIVING/DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM TO 1ST FLR
- BACKING ONTO PORTHKERRY PARK
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- NO CHAIN
- ER=D

£129,950

NORWOOD CRESENT, BARRY
- SEMI DETACHED
- 3 BEDROOMS
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN
- SHOWER ROOM
- UPVC D/G & GCH VIA A COMBINATION BOILER
- AMPLE OFF ROAD PARKING
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- ER=E

£134,950

BUNGALOW

CAE GLAS, BARRY
- SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LIVING ROOM
- IN NEED OF SOME MODERNISATION
- DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
- OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN
- CUL DE SAC POSITION
- ER=D

£137,000

AMHERST CRESCENT, BARRY
- ELEVATED SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM OPENING TO A RAISED DECKED AREA
- FAR REACHING SEA VIEWS
- KITCHEN, UTILITY AREA
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- PATIOED GARDEN
- GARAGE
- NO CHAIN
- EPC=D

£139,999

BARRY ROAD, BARRY
- END OF TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
- ENCLOSED LEVEL REAR GARDEN
- OUTHOUSE LEADING TO FRONT
- WELL PRESENTED
- NO CHAIN
- VIEWING ADVISED
- ER=E

£142,500

ST. BRANNOCKS CLOSE, BARRY
- END OF LINK
- WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- TWO BEDROOMS (PREVIOUSLY THREE)
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- GARAGE/PARKING IN BLOCK
- CUL DE SAC POSITION
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- EPC=D

£159,950

BROAD STREET, BARRY
- END OF TERRACED
- TRADITIONAL DWELLING
- TWO REC. ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- FIVE BEDROOMS
- THREE STOREY PROPERTY
- WELL PRESENTED
- ER=D

£174,950

WHITMORE PARK DRIVE, BARRY
- WELL PRESENTED
- CORNER POSITIONED SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM
- DINING -OPEN PLAN KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- GARAGE/AMPLE PARKING
- LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN
- ER=C

£179,950

ST BRANNOCKS CLOSE, BARRY
- SEMI DETACHED
- EXTENDED DWELLING
- WELL PRESENTED
- LIVING ROOM
- OPEN PLAN KITCHEN/DINER/SITTING AREA
- THREE BEDROOMS
- BALCONY OFF MASTER
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- NO FORWARD CHAIN
- ER=D

£179,950

SANDRINGHAM CLOSE, BARRY
- SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM
- SEPARATE DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- ER=C

£189,950

MARINE DRIVE, BARRY
- MID LINKED TOWN HOUSE
- GR FLR:- W.C. SHOWER ROOM
- BEDROOM/SITTING ROOM
- 1ST FLR:-LIVING/DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- 2ND FLR:- FURTHER THREE BEDROOMS
- NO CHAIN - IN NEED OF MODERNISATION
- DRIVEWAY/PARKING
- ER=F

£189,950

NEW PRICE

GLADSTONE ROAD, BARRY
- TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED
- PERIOD PROPERTY
- SPACIOUS THROUGHOUT
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- THREE RECEPTION ROOMS
- ORIGINAL FEATURES THROUGHOUT
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- GARAGE WITH LANE ACCESS
- ER=D

£215,000

VIEWING ESSENTIAL

VICTORIA PARK ROAD, BARRY
- TRADITONAL SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM WITH BALCONY OVERLOOKING REAR
- STEPS DESCENDING TO BASEMENT ROOMS
- THREE BEDROOMS
- 1ST FLR. THREE BEDROOMS,FAM. BATHROOM
- LOWER GRND. THREE FURTHER ROOMS
- SIDE ACCESS LEADING TO FRONT
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT • ER=C

£215,000

BUTTRILLS ROAD, BARRY
- SEMI DETACHED
- 3 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- ELEVATED VIEWS
- LIVING ROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- DRIVEWAY
- BUILDING PLOT WITH CONSENT FOR A DETACHED DWELLING
- IDEAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY
- ER=D

£219,950

SLADE ROAD, BARRY
- EXTENDED DETACHED
- SHOW HOME PRESENTED
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM OPENING TO MODERN KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- THREE BEDROOMS
- FAM. BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN,GARAGE
- ER=C

£226,000

MERTHYR DYFAN ROAD, BARRY
- SEMI DETACHED DORMA BUNGALOW
- SPACIOUS THROUGHOUT
- GR FLR. LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM OR BEDROOM
- INTEGRAL GARAGE
- MASTER BEDROOM WITH ENSUITE
- FAM. BATHROOM
- 1ST FLR.TWO FURTHER BEDROOMS TO ATTIC
- DRIVEWAY/PARKING
- ER=D

£229,950

MIN-Y-MOR, BARRY
- SPACIOUS DETACHED DORMA BUNGALOW
- COLD KNAP VIEWS
- LIVING,DINING,KITCHEN,
- U. ROOM,CONSERVATORY
- TWO BEDS,DRESSING RM,CLOAK, SITTING RM
- STUDY, SEP.W.C BATHROOM
- 1ST FLR. TWO FURTHER BEDROOMS
- WITH ENSUITE W.C. CLOAK
- NO CHAIN/DRIVEWAY
- ER=D

£249,950

GLAS Y LLWYN, BARRY
- MODERN DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM/DINING
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- UTILITY ROOM
- FOUR BEDROOMS (EN-SUITE)
- FAM. BATHROOM
- GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
- VIEWING ADVISED
- ER=D

£250,000

THE GROVE, BARRY
- SUBSTANTIAL FAMILY HOME
- THREE RECEPTION ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- MODERN SHOWER ROOM
- FIVE BEDROOMS
- 1ST FLR BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED GARDEN
- GARAGE/LANE ACCESS
- NO CHAIN
- ER=C

£269,950

LON FFERM FELIN, BARRY
- MODERN DETACHED
- LIVING/DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN,UTILITY RM
- FOUR BEDROOMS (MASTER ENSUITE)
- DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- ER=D

£269,950

PETERSWELL ROAD, BARRY
- DETACHED PROPERTY
- 4 BEDROOMS
- MASTER ENSUITE
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM
- GROUND FLOOR SHOWER ROOM
- SLATE PAVED PATIO
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
- UTILITY ROOM
- OFF ROAD PARKING & APPROVAL FOR GARAGE
- ER=D

£369,999

SPACIOUS R&B LOCATION

ROMILLY PARK ROAD, BARRY
- SPACIOUS SEMI DETACHED
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- DINING AREA, CONSERVATORY
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- THREE BEDROOMS,SHOWER ROOM
- STAIRS RISING TO ATTIC/HOBBY AREA
- DRIVEWAY PROVIDING PARKING
- GARAGE VIA REAR LANE
- VIEWING ADVISED
- ER=E

£374,950

Countdown to Pencoed's Urdd begins

Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd pupil Nathan Isaac came third in the under-19 woodwind solo competition at the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Flint.

THE 12 month countdown has begun to the Urdd National Eisteddfod – the Welsh language youth festival comes to Bridgend county next May.

Up to 100,000 visitors are expected to attend the celebration of literature, music and performing arts when it is held at Bridgend College's Pencoed Campus between May 29 and June 3, 2017.

Organisers predict the benefit to the local economy to be some £6m, and anticipate visitors staying locally, enjoying other attractions in the county borough, using local transport and shopping locally.

Children from several Bridgend county borough schools travelled to Flint during the Whitsun holiday to compete in this year's Urdd National Eisteddfod, and it is hoped that even more local schools will make the much shorter journey to take part in Pencoed next year.

Several local fundraising groups have been set up ahead of Urdd 2017, with volunteers working to raise the necessary funds to put on the event.

Each fundraising group has a target. The Maesteg group, for example, is aiming to raise £25,000.

To find out more about upcoming fundraisers, or if you would like to get involved with one of the local committees, contact Jordan Morgan-Hughes by emailing Jordan@urdd.org.

Pupils from Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd came second in the years 7, 8 and 9 action song competition.

Ysgol Cynwyd Sant pupils competing at the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Flint.

New centre to streamline operations offers construction training in Bridgend

ABOVE: Chris Elmore MP, Nick Thomas-Symonds MP and WBS new starter Ashleigh Bell at the opening.

SOLID wall insulation (SWI) provider, Wetherby Building Systems, has invested £80,000 in a new trade centre, distribution depot and training facility in Bridgend that opened on June 10.

The new centre, on Bridgend's Brynmenyn Industrial Estate, should provide an improved delivery service to its customers across south Wales and into the West Country and London, as well as offering a vital training facility for the region.

The new training centre allows Wetherby to deliver its training programmes to existing operatives within the industry looking to upskill, as well as aiding the transfer of skills from other industries. The SWI provider will also be working with local colleges to provide training modules for relevant courses to ensure there are more skilled trades professionals entering the industry.

Commenting on the opening, Labour Shadow Minister for Employment and MP for Torfaen, Nick Thomas Symonds, said: "Wetherby's new operation is great news for the construction industry in south Wales. This new training centre will open up more opportunities to the region's young people looking to get their foot on the construction career ladder."

'Think, Learn, Challenge!'

IN the ever-challenging global climate we live in, our education systems, and the young people within them, face some daunting challenges.

Employers now demand the highest level of cognitive skills from their employees, in order to use digital tools, think creatively, innovate, and apply their knowledge to solve real-world problems.

However, core skills such as digital literacy, problem solving and critical thinking may not be explicitly taught in Wales' schools.

To help rectify this, and educate young people about skills that can often seem abstract, challenging and hard to put in to real terms, the British Council has developed a training programme, Connecting Classrooms, in collaboration with Think, Learn, Challenge!

As a result, local teachers can now learn how to teach essential core skills to children in their classroom.

By working in collaboration with other local teachers, they can share ideas and learnings with each other and take these back into the classroom to boost engagement with pupils.

Teachers can help their pupils to not only better interact with themselves and each other, but also with the ever-changing world around them.

They can even apply for a £3,000 grant to help further their knowledge overseas – and return to their UK classrooms with improved techniques.

Young people being given the chance to access education that supports the development of academic knowledge alongside the acquisition of core skills will be crucial to Wales' future success and prosperity.

What's more, it will positively impact on the wellbeing of others in the community.

By supporting local teachers with their own professional development, we can ultimately create a brighter, more fulfilling future for young people and our society as a whole.

Julie Addis,
Think, Learn, Challenge!

AWARDS FOR ABERKENFIG AIR CADETS

Success for Cpl Ieuan Jordan-Hart, Cdt Aaron Thomas, Sgt Casey Marchant and Cdt Tyler Davies at 2318 (Aberkenfig) Sqn ATC.

FOUR cadets from 2318 (Aberkenfig) Squadron Air Training Corps are celebrating having recently passed exams.

Corporal Ieuan Jordan-Hart and Cadet Aaron Thomas received their Leading Cadet badges having successfully completed the syllabus and passing their exams. This classification is comprised of three sections: basic navigation, principles of flight and aircraft operation.

Sergeant Casey Marchant and Cadet Tyler Davies were awarded their Senior Cadet badges after successfully passing their exams.

This classification also comprises three sections, but the cadets can choose their subjects. Sgt Marchant chose air navigation, principles of pilot navigation and piston engine propulsion and Cdt Davies chose aircraft handling and flying techniques, principles of airframes and military aircraft systems.

The air cadet syllabus leads towards gaining a BTEC in aviation studies, equivalent to four GCSEs.

2318 (Aberkenfig) Squadron is based at Bryncethin Memorial Hall and meets every Tuesday and Friday evening between 7pm and 9.15pm.

If you would like to join as a cadet or a member of staff, please feel free to come along for a chat with Flight Lieutenant Amanda Evans, the squadron's commanding officer or email oc.2318@aircadets.org.

DON'T DO IT YOURSELF...
....CALL A PROFESSIONAL FROM OUR A-Z LIST!

Advertisers please note : deadline for Classified Section is 5pm Monday (to appear in the following week's edition). Telephone 01446 774484. email: vanessa.james@tindlenews.co.uk

Aerials, Digital & Satellite

SONOS WiFi Wireless Sound Systems Supplied and Installed

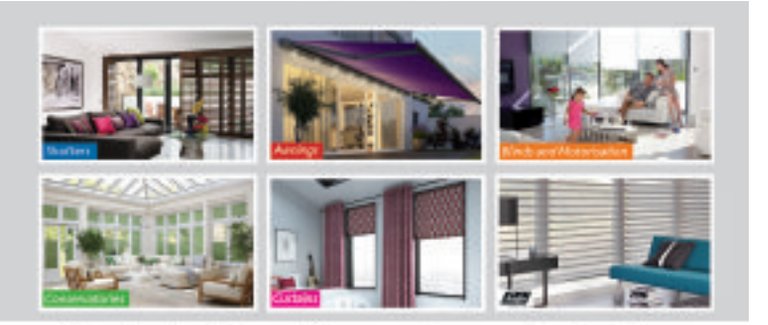
ONE VISION
DIGITAL AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS

Free Sky TV Dish & Sky Box Installation
Ring for Latest Subscription Package Deals
£60 CASH BACK for any New Sky Customer Taking a Subscription Package
SKY Repairs, adjustments and installations.
✓ Domestic & Commercial
✓ Discounts For Oaps
✓ 24 Hour 7 Days Service
✓ 12 Month Guarantee
✓ RDI Approved Installers
FREE ESTIMATES
SAME DAY SERVICE

Digital TV Aerials Supplied & Installed at competitive prices
CAT V extensions for Broadband and Smart TV
Get HD Picture Quality into every room via CAT V
Is Your Aerial Installer....?
Confederation of Aerial Installers Certified? Police Checked? Using Industry Benchmark Aerials, Cables and Accessories?
ONE VISION ARE!
Wall Mounted TV Installation Specialists
visit our website for examples

Call Paul Williams
Cowbridge 01446 439 306 Bridgend 01656 349 281
www.onevisionltd.co.uk

Blinds & Curtains



Create the Mood for your home for less than you think with Solar Sunshades.
Shutters | Awnings | Blinds and Motorisation | Conservatories | Curtains

Cardiff showroom
Cripsly Milk Retail Park, Sloper Road, Cardiff, CF11 8AA
Barry: 01446 438103

Bridgend showroom
North Road, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend, CF31 3TP
Bridgend: 01656 349473

www.solarsunshades.co.uk
solar Create the Mood

1st Digital Aerials
SPECIAL OFFER - £60 Complete Installation plus £20 per extra room
Local Digital Aerial Specialist
Digital Aerials Installed & Repaired.
Set Up and Tune In Service.
Problems with:
• Missing Channels • Freezing • Breaking Up
Call Adrian on 07999 331 160
or Barry 01446 743267
www.1st-digital.co.uk

VALE DIGITAL
DIGITAL AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES
SPECIAL OFFER!!!!
DIGITAL AERIAL COMPLETE INSTALLATION FROM £60
EXTRA ROOMS £20 EACH
TV WALL MOUNTING & TV SET UP & TUNE IN SERVICE
ALL TYPES OF AERIAL & SATELLITES REPAIRED OR REPLACED
Tel. TIM on 07974 065096 / 01446 793189 ANYTIME
COMPETITIVE PRICES - FREE ESTIMATES - OAP DISCOUNTS - 7 DAY SERVICE
COVERING ALL AREAS

Building Services

MIKE ANDERSON
(Builders extraordinaire)
Experts in Listed Buildings
• Renovations
• Slate & Roof Tiling
• Timber Framed Houses
• Barn or Loft Conversions
• Conservatories
• UPVC Windows & Doors
• Wetrooms and all invalidity Bathrooms & Showers
01656 771870 / 07976 720368
Email MAbuilders2015@outlook.com

ace Plastering & Building Services
PROFESSIONAL PLASTERING CONTRACTORS
'Bring your home up-to-date with a smooth & modern finish.'
Tel: 07891 259219
www.aceplasteringandbuildingservices.co.uk

BLIND SALE!
STARLINE
Awnings & Blinds
Unit 3 & 4, Western Industrial Estate, Caerphilly CF83 1BQ • www.starline-blinds.co.uk
GENUINE 15% OFF SALE
TEL (029) 2086 0631

3 GOOD REASONS
1 FREE Fitting
2 FREE Quotation
3 5 Year Guarantee
BLINDS & CURTAINS
3 Vertical Blinds from £99
Freephone: 0500 295192
Made in Wales.....Proud to be Welsh
Mirage Blinds
One offer per Household - Selected Ranges Maximum 60"x60"

Carpet Services

STEVE SEGUST FLOORING
Carpet Fitting, Refitting & Repair Service Available
~ Est 1987 ~
Choose from the comfort of your own home. Free quotations, fitting, underlay and gripper. All types of flooring available with a huge range of samples to choose from.
Best prices around.
Call any time...
01656 768120
or 07774 807111

Cleaning Services

CCMS (Wales) Ltd
GUTTER CLEANING
FASCIA WASH &
WINDOW CLEANER
01446 741460
07830 480569

Building Services

MASONWISE BUILDERS
☎ 01446 742928
Established since 1979
• Extensions
• Disabled Grant Work
• Roofing & Repairs
• Conservatories
• Patio & Drives
No Job Too Small
Free Estimates
44 Newlands Street, Barry

AFFORDABLE BUILDING SERVICES
Extensions, Renovations
Brick/Blockwork
Kitchen & Bathroom Fitting
Carpentry & Plastering
Digger/Driver Hire
01446 750705
07583 761681

BARRY & VALE DAMP & TIMBER TREATMENT
SOLVING ALL YOUR DAMP PROBLEMS
01446 420784
07970 642537
www.barryandvaledampproofing.co.uk

Call 01446 774484 to advertise with The GEM, and reach 45,000 homes from Penarth to Porthcawl

Bricklayer looking for work
20 years experience.
No job too small.
Garden walls, extensions, patios, conservatory base, all building work considered.
All work guaranteed.
Call Jay Thomas
Tel: 07896 335165

STANTON CONSTRUCTION
All building work covered
• Roofing & Repairs
• Rendering
• Driveways
• Guttering
• Chimneys
• Extensions
• Disabled Bathrooms
• UPVC Windows & Doors
• Stairlifts
• All Electric Work
01446 489368

D.P. BUILDING SERVICES
• Kitchens • Bathrooms
• Extensions • Plastering
• Carpentry • Joinery
• Roofing • Brickwork
• Conservatories
NO JOB TOO SMALL
Tel: 01446 711968
07831 655429

Contact The GEM Classified Section on 01446 774484; or E-Mail Vanessa at: vanessa.james@tindlenews.co.uk

Carpentry Services

Menzies Carpentry Services
KITCHENS, BEDROOMS & BATHROOMS SUPPLIED & FITTED
All aspects of Carpentry work undertaken
01446 760104 or 07917 102766 - Mark

Computer Services

AB COMPUTER SERVICES
TUITION - BROADBAND
WIRELESS NETWORKS
REPAIRS & INSTALLATION
For home or office
Tel: 07811 422 946
www.cowbridge-it.co.uk

HD Computer Solutions
• All problems fixed
• Fast, reliable, on-site service
• Friendly advice freely given
• No fix, no fee
• Free callout
Tel 01446 333330

Decorating Services

John Clissett
Painting & Decorating
No job too small
Competitive & Reliable
Free Quotations
GUILD of MASTER CRAFTSMEN
Covering the Vale
01446 750625
07980 691584

NIGEL BOARDMAN
Tradesman, Painter & Decorator
Advanced City & Guilds
Est 1985 • Free Estimates
07803 571757

D.GULLIVER First Class Painter and Decorator
Paper Hanging a Speciality
● All Internal & External Work
● No Job too Small
● 35 Years Experience
● Free Estimates
Tel 01446 404506
Mobile: 07914 056255

TRUE COLOURS
Painter & Decorator
Interior & Exterior
City & Guilds Certified
25 years experience
Wallpaper specialist
Free Estimates
Quality Guaranteed
07873 326 892
01446 402 708

Inexpensive Painting
Exterior & Interior
Using Quality Paint
Tel: 01656 741586
07704 535802

Double Glazing

SEE MORE DOUBLE GLAZING ON THE NEXT PAGE

All Double Glazing Repairs & Maintenance
puc-V, Aluminium & Timber Windows
• Misted Units inc. Bevels & Stains
• Broken Handles/Hinges
• Door Locks Repaired & Upgraded
• Replacement Door Panels
• New Rubber Seals
• Fully Qualified Locksmith
Bridgend Windows Maintenance
PROFESSIONAL ADVICE AND INSURANCE QUOTATIONS
01656 788403
Mobile: 07515 860113
33 Philadelphia Road, Porthcawl CF36 3DP
www.bridgendwindows.com

STEVE MOLONEY
Double glazing repairs. Hinges, handles, misted up sealed units, complete repair service available.
Established 1979.
01656 783594
or
07877 558525

WELSH WINDOW SYSTEMS
Est. 1987
Repairs to all UPVC & aluminium windows & doors
01446 738888
07877 836798

See more Double Glazing on the next page

Double Glazing

WINDOW AND DOOR REPAIR SERVICE

OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN ALL ASPECTS OF uPVC AND ALUMINIUM WINDOW AND DOOR REPAIR

Do you have any of the following problems...?

Misted-up Double Glazing • Broken Hinges
Seized Patio Door Rollers • Faulty door Locks
Seized Handles • Draughts • Leaks, etc
If so phone for a free estimate and advice

FREEPHONE COWBRIDGE 0800 169 5171

We offer a competitive and friendly service to the Vale and surrounding area

TRY US FOR NEW UPVC WINDOWS AND DOORS

8am - 8pm (7 days)

www.windowtec.repair

Window Tec UK

• Window and Door Repair •

Garden Services

NDP GARDEN and PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Grass Cutting, Weeding Shrubs & Hedges Trimmed, Tree Felling, Fencing, Turfing. Gutters & Fascias Cleaned Drives, Patios, Roofs, etc. Power Washed.

- *Free Estimates*
- *Reliable Family Team*

01446 773935 or 07773 992704

T&O Landscape Gardening & General Building

Lawns Cut • Hedges Cut
• General Tidy-Up
• Rubbish Removal
• No Job Too Small

01446 407246
07890 332358

15% off with this advert

LUMBERJACKS
TREE & GARDEN SERVICES
CITY & GUILDS QUALIFIED

City & Guilds NPTC

Call Dion on 01446 728197

- Tree felling
- Dangerous tree work
- Dead wooding
- Thinning out & stump removal (at reduced rate if we have removed tree)
- Hedges, Bushes & Shrubs
- Log Splitter & Operator Hire
- Tree preservation orders checked for free
- Dismantling
- Pruning
- Pollarding
- Crown lifting
- Chipper & Operator Hire

WE WILL BEAT ANY GENUINE QUOTE

All garden work undertaken

Free Estimate, Fully Insured. 8am to 8pm, 7 Days a Week

SEASONED HARD WOOD LOGS FOR SALE

£80 per 1xM³ Loose

Gas Services

D.B. FRANCIS Ltd

GAS MAINTENANCE & GAS SERVICE ENGINEERS

www.dbfrancis.co.uk

- All Gas and Oil Appliances Serviced
- Gas and Oil Central Heating Installation
- Boiler Up-grades
- Heating Controls Up-dated
- Individually designed systems to customers specification
- Twelve months guarantee
- Good after-sales service and maintenance

Vaillant 7 Year Guarantee
HETAS Approved

Unit 21c Vale Business Park, Llandow, CF71 7PF
Tel: 01446 771112 Fax: 01446 771175

Electrical Services

Cowbridge & Vale Electrical
R.J.B.

All electrical installation works carried out. Emergency call-out, re-wires, sockets, lights, Security.

01446 771655
07885 347642

National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting
Approved Contractor

A&C Electrical Solutions

Domestic Appliance repairs.
Appliances not removed.
Appointment times given
Over 30 years experience
Covering Penarth to Porthcawl
Card payments accepted.
07732 264 803 24 Hr

REPAIRS

Washing Machines
Electric Cookers,
Tumble Driers, etc
Repaired in your own home
0800 2984518
Barry 744117

Dave Reffell
Electrical Services

Domestic Installer Scheme
Approved contractor
Free Quotations
01446 751743
07743 500149
d.reffell@hotmail.co.uk

LK Electrical

All types of Electrical work undertaken.
Testing, Inspection & Certification
07891 965150
01446 700182

CA Jones Electrical Services

- Specialising in all types of electrical heating.
- Registered to Install Dimplex heaters.
- Upgrade your old fuse board to a modern MCB board from £150.
- Installing, test & maintaining electrical systems.
- Keeping standards high & our prices low.

07889338088 / 01656 864001
Email: cajoneselectrical@gmail.com

ELECTRICAL REPAIRS

Washing Machines, Cookers, Fridge/Freezers, Tumble Dryers, Ovens, Hobs, Hoods. Built-in or Freestanding Appliances.

APPLIANCE CENTRE
01446 700206/730884

Advertisers please note: deadline for Classified Section is 5pm Monday (to appear in the following week's edition). Telephone 01446 774484. email: vanessa.james@tindlenews.co.uk

Garden Services

NEED A TREE SURGEON?

All tree work undertaken
Fully insured
City & Guilds Qualified
www.ArbCymru.co.uk
TEL: 01656 646017 MOB: 07813869615

Arborwood Tree Care

• Tree Pruning • Crown Lifting • Tree Felling • Dangerous Tree Work • Pollarding • Deadwooding • Hedge Cutting • Tree Dismantling • Root Pruning • Ground Clearance

Call us for a friendly, free quote, fully insured

Tel: 07910 417471 or 01446 792262

Seasoned Hard Wood For Sale

GRIFFITHS FENCING

Free Quotations CALL NOW!

All fencing work undertaken
www.rgriffithscarpentry.com
Contact us on 01446 401350 / 07803 696451

BRIDGE VALE TREE SERVICES

Specialists in Large/Dangerous Trees

FELLING, PRUNING, CROWN REDUCTION, THINNING OUT AND TOTAL DISMANTLING

HIGHLY QUALIFIED/INSURED COMMERCIAL or DOMESTIC SITE CLEARANCE

- FREE QUOTES -
Tel: 01446 713857 or 07921 902729

Transform your Garden in 2016
Excellent References & Portfolio

Landscaping
Hedges
Decking & Fencing
Patios
Tree Felling
Gravel Areas
Grass Cutting
Fully Insured

Tel: 01446 413945 or 07971 888151
email: info@prgardenservices.co.uk

Llewellyn Garden Services

Mowing, Hedge Cutting, Fencing, Garden Clearance, Patio Washing

Great House Farm
Penllyn, Cowbridge

Rob: 01446 775104 evenings
Dave: 07890 712578

THE FENCING DOCTOR

All types of fencing undertaken.
New fencing & repairs carried out.
Supply & fix available.
New gates supplied & fixed.
Free quotation.

Call Graham
07969 039358

Call 01446 774484 to advertise with The GEM, and reach 45,000 homes from Penarth to Porthcawl

Handyman Services

K&A Handyman

"A family run business"

All aspects of general maintenance, carpentry, painting, decorating, carpet cleaning, gardening, garden & household rubbish clearance.

No task too big or small, just ask!

Contact: 07970 711879 or 01446 720840

Andrew Allen Gas & Plumbing Limited

A family run business for your family needs!

INSTALLATION, SERVICING & BREAKDOWNS ON ALL GAS APPLIANCES.
ALL FIRES & FIRE SURROUNDS INSTALLED
GAS BOILER SERVICE £50 (WITH CERTIFICATE)

10 Year Warranty on New Boilers
*Subject to conditions

Find us today on Facebook.
TEL: 07891 348113 and 07740 518131

GASP Services

Gas Services

Combination Boiler & LPG Specialist
Competitive & Reliable
01446 796263 / 07814 394378

Go to the The GEM for the latest stories and breaking news...
www.barry-today.co.uk • www.cowbridge-today.co.uk
www.llantwit-major-today.co.uk
www.bridgend-today.co.uk • www.porthcawl-today.co.uk

Lawnmower Servicing

R&T

Lawn & Garden Machinery Sales, Service & Repairs.

MOWERS & RIDE ON MOWERS.
CHAINSAWS
STRIMMERS
HEDGECUTTERS

Cub Cadet, Viking, Echo, Countax, Mountfield, Tiger

SERVICE & REPAIR
Collection available.

Unit 54, Vale Business Park, Llandow CF71 9PF.
T: 01446 771999.
www.randt.co.uk

ONE MAN WENT TO MOW

Lawnmowers need regular servicing, so come to the experts, Cardiff Lawn and Garden at Ely Bridge, Cardiff. We offer advice, sales and service on lawnmowers and garden equipment, plus we'll collect and return your serviced lawnmower!

Tel: 02920 569311 www.cardifflawnandgarden.co.uk

Exterior Cleaning

ValeJetClean

Dirty Decking, Driveway, Patio or Paving?

Fast, effective and great value exterior surface jet washing.

Free, no-obligation quotation.

Tel: 029 20 700571 or 07767 310618
www.valejetclean.co.uk

RIVERLEA Horticulture

WE SELL THE BEST AND SERVICE THE REST

LAWN MOWERS - RIDE-ONS - CHAINSAWS - STRIMMERS
HEDGECUTTERS AND GARDEN ACCESSORIES

Husqvarna, STIHL, VIKING and now Westwood

Most makes serviced and repaired

Collection service available

Vale Business Park, Llandow, Cowbridge CF71 7PF

Tel: 01446 775602

Plumbing Services

JW Bathrooms

• Plumbing • Tiling
• Plastering • Wet Rooms
Free estimates
No job too small
01446 400225
07866 470754

Plumbing Services

JOHN SARTAIN
Plumbing & Tiling

01446 794266

DC Plumbing

• NO call out charge
• Flexible hours
• No job too small

Call Dave on:
Tel: 01446 413971
Mobile: 0779 263 9939

Advertisers please note: deadline for Classified Section is 5pm Monday (to appear in the following week's edition). co.uk

Plastering Services

GUY FORD
Quality Plastering Service

Specialising in Coverage of Artex Ceilings

FREE QUOTES
07812093098

Roofing Services

PREMIER ROOFING WALES LTD
SLATE & TILE SPECIALISTS
ALL REPAIR WORK UNDERTAKEN:
- LEAD WORK,
- CHIMNEY STACKS,
- ALL FASCIA BOARDS & GUTTERING,
- VELUX UPVC WINDOWS.

07972 736806
01446 741574

01656 720551
07973 488806
Roofing specialists
S. MIDDLETON & SON
We cover all aspects of roofing including Firestone EPDM Flat Roofing Rubber Systems
www.middletonroofing.co.uk

ROOFTEC
ROOFING SERVICE
New slate/ tile/flat roofs. Also fibreglass flat roofs. All aspects of uPVC guttering, fascias, downpipes, etc. Chimney/ valley repairs. House maintainance work carried out. No job too small. Guaranteed competitive rates.
Tel. (01656) 722593
Mobile: 07969 248688.
Free estimates
24 hour emergency call out.

Removal Services

PYRAMID REMOVALS
Near or far, small or large
01446 734485
07564 162958

Removal Services

U Direct I Collect Services
Light removals
All work considered
Any Place - Any Time
07944 743932

Wolf & Vale
- Man & Van
- House & Garden Removals
- Licensed Waste Carriers

07885 892923
ralph@wolfandvale.com

School of Motoring

Cats Eyes Driving School Ltd
- Learn to drive at 14yrs old
- Intensive 1 week courses
- Manual & Auto • Male/Female Tutors

0800 0280 406
www.catseyesdrivingschool.co.uk

Septic Tank Disposal

OK Environmental Services Ltd
Local family-run business for all your liquid waste needs. Cesspits/Septic Tanks, Liquid Waste Specialists.
Contact William Oakes on 01656 862414
07779 255639/07870 388432

Tiling Services

Tiling by Tanya
- All aspects of wall & floor tiling
- Ceramic, porcelain, natural stone
- Friendly, professional service
- No obligation free quotes

07814 124 851 or 01446 736760

Bonny Tiler
Wall & Floor Tiling Specialists
Full Bathroom and Wetroom installation
Professional, Friendly & Reliable Service
01446 796582 / 07854 168459
www.bonnytiler.co.uk

Storage Services

ATLANTIC SELF STORAGE
Self Storage Containers & Lock-Ups sited in Barry
Manned 7 days a week giving you 7 days access
- External New Watertight Containers
- Internal Personal Storage for personal belongings.
- Business Storage
- Pick up service available.
- All covered by 24 hr CCTV in Secure Compound

www.atlanticselfstorage.co.uk
01446 677648 / 07813 134123

Telephone Broadband

ARDENT TELEPHONE WIRING
Local Telephone and Broadband Engineer. Extensions and Faults. Internet connection issues.
Tel 07787 380972
ardent.wiring@hotmail.co.uk

Upholstery Services

Susan Viant Re-upholstery
All aspects of re-upholstery underaken.
Call
01656 724005 (day)
01656 720722 (evenings) wanted

Wood for Sale

FIREWOOD
Seasoned & Kiln Dried
Buy 10 handy bags at £5.50 each get 1 free!
10% off all cubic metre firewood this month!
Call 01446 771567
www.topstak.co.uk
Topstak

Funeral Directors

Park Funeral Directors
PROFESSIONAL & CARING
- *Totally independent funeral directors*
- *24 hour attention, arrangements for weekends & evenings*
- *Private Resting Rooms*
- *Loved one remains in our care in Barry*
- *Male and female professional staff*
- *Mercedes cortège fleet*
- *Award-winning funeral planners*

Call us on
01446 421212
www.parkfunerals.co.uk
7, Tynewydd Rd, Barry,
Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 8HB

Green Willow Funerals
Family Centred Funeral Services. All profits donated to charity
For caring, sensitive, bespoke funeral arrangements at a time of need.
Contact **Huw Parkman** based at
21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE
02920 514627
We welcome no-obligation enquiries and also cater for 'pre-need' funeral plans which help:
- *Limit costs* • *Record your wishes*
- *Relieve your pressure on family & loved ones*

www.greenwillowfunerals.com

Wanted

WANTED
Classic/Old Car
Any age, any condition, including an unfinished project or motorcycle.
If it's in your garage or on your drive.
Call Mark, cash waiting
07425 139331/01446 794866

WANTED
Camper Van/Caravan
Any age, any condition, including an unfinished project with/without MOT.
If it's in your garage or on your drive.
Call Mark, cash waiting
07425 139331

SUTTONS Auto Salvage
TOP PRICES paid on collection, for scrap, MOT failures, and tax expired vehicles.
Also body shells and scrap metals collected.
No wheels, no problem.
02920 597887
07971 648596

SBS SALVAGE LTD

Barry's newest car dismantling facility registered with the environment agency, DVLA & Vale of Glamorgan Council
No job too big or too small
Immediate payment of up to £10,000
MOT failures / Untaxed or scrapped vehicle. Best prices paid for copper / Lead, Aluminium / Stainless steel, Computer boards / Electric cable and catalytic converters
Free of Charge:
- Light demolition
- Factory/Farm Clearances
- All grades of metal taken
- Ferrous or non-ferrous
- Household appliances
- Car batteries

CALL US TODAY 01446 421034 • www.sbssalvage.com 07772 054534 • Monday to Sunday 07410 549526

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE CARS & VANS
Runners/non runners
MOT failures
Accident Damaged
Anything considered
MIN £50 PAID
For a fast & friendly service
Please call
07933 383 833

WANTED
for cash in all areas
Cars, Vans, Lorries & Quads. In any condition running or not. With or without MOT, insurance loss or third party.
£50 - £3000
Please ring anytime 7 days 9am - 10.30pm
Call Frazer's
Office: 01446 732222
Mobile: 07816 205895

Funeral Directors

W. A. Brown & Son
Funeral Directors
- Pre-paid Funeral Plans
- Memorial Masonry

Pembroke House
College Street, Llantwit Major
01446 792 489
www.wabrownfuneraldirectors.co.uk

Funeral Directors

181 Court Road, Barry CF63 1EX
LYNDSAY ELLIS @ THE VALE FUNERAL SERVICE
Telephone 01446 407962
Established Funeral Directors in the heart of your community
A PROFESSIONAL & PERSONAL SERVICE
TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS

Family owned & run by husband & wife
Lyndsay & Nicola
- Prestige Jaguar Cortege Vehicles -
Fully qualified & experienced members of staff
www.valefuneralservice.co.uk

Robert D Johnson
Cert FP
Independent Funeral Director
Family owned and run
Funeral packages from £2450
inclusive of essential disbursements
- *24 hour immediate personal service*
- *All funeral arrangements are tailored to your requirement, more importantly, your budget*
- *Arrangements available seven days a week*
- *Private chapel of rest*

29 Holton Rd, Barry CF63 4HA
Tel 01446 733844
Email rjfunerals@gmail.com

Family Notices

HEMMING
Marian Rosamund (Née Bishop)

Peacefully surrounded by her family after a short illness at the University Hospital of Wales on June 14.

Marian will be sadly missed by all.

Beloved wife of Michael of over 60 years. Cherished mother of Karen, Michael, Claire, Nicholas, Richard and Mariane. Grandmother to 18 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Sister to Joan and Sylvia.

Family flowers only at the church and donations to MacMillan Cancer Support.

For Funeral arrangements please contact mariane@redtop-media.com or 01446 751 721.

JONES
Alun John

Peacefully passed away at home surrounded by his family on Monday, June 13.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the Memorial Celebration of his life in the Chapel of Rest on Friday, June 24 at 11am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired will be collected for Cancer Charities at the funeral.

PERKS
Norman

Peacefully at home on his 74th birthday, Sunday, 5th June 2016; Norman of Bridgend. Beloved husband of the late Joyce, dearly loved father of Russell, Anthea and Jane. Much loved brother of Marina and a treasured grandfather and uncle.

Funeral on Wednesday, 22nd June, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 11am. Family flowers only with donations as desired to Diabetes UK c/o Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend, CF31 1HE. Tel 01656 650831.

DALY
Naithan Stephen

Passed Away 3rd June 2016.

It is with our deepest sorrow that we inform you of the passing of Naithan, the beloved son of Janet Rees. Brother to Adrian, Bethan and Jemma, brother-in-law of Gemma, Willow and Anthony. Uncle to much loved nieces and nephews.

He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

We welcome all family and friends to the celebration of his life which will be held on 24th June at Coastlands Family Church, Tennyson Road, Barry at 11am, followed by interment at Cathays Cemetery, Fairoak Road, Cardiff at 12.30pm. Family flowers only by request. If desired donations to be made at the service will directly go to Naithan's mental health team.

"A peaceful mind is a happy one"
REST IN PEACE

For all enquiries please contact Lyndsay Ellis Funeral Directors, Court Road, Tel: 01446 407962.

ADAMEC
John

Peacefully on the June 12, John of Llantwit Major. A very dearly loved husband, father and grandfather.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major until the funeral service on Wednesday, June 22 in Our Lady & St. Illtyd's Catholic Church at 1pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.45pm.

Family flowers only but donations may be made to Air Ambulance Wales c/o the funeral home (cheques only).

POWNEY
Brian

Formerly of Dinas Powys, Brian passed away suddenly on May 31, aged 63. Brother of Janice, Phillip and Wenna.

Funeral service being held on Friday, June 17 at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 1pm.

SHERYN
Hinton Hosking

Hinton Sheryn was a former postmaster of both Pontycymmer and Cowbridge.

Funeral on Wednesday, June 29, service and cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium, Strouden Avenue, Bournemouth, BH8 9HX at 11.15am.

Family request no flowers. Donations in lieu may be made to Marie Curie. Enquiries please to Adrian Evans (nephew) on 01380 860853.

WATTS
Gareth

Peacefully on June 5 at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Much loved husband of Lynne who was close beside him at the end.

Funeral on Friday, June 24 at 3.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to Alzheimer's Research UK, Suite 1 Ground Floor, North Court, David Street, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend, CF31 3TP, (cheques only).

Acknowledgements

TAPSCOTT
Angela

Norma, Raymond and family have truly appreciated the overwhelming support we received during our devastating loss. Thank you everyone.

JONES
Henry Cadwgan
Pentyrch

Eira and Vaughan would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and support during their sad loss of Henry. We have been overwhelmed by the tremendous amount of cards, flowers and messages received.

We would like to thank Philip Preene and staff of W.H.Preene & Son for their dignity and help shown to us and Reverends Michael John and John Binny for the sincere and caring service at St Catwg's Church.

A special thank you to Anne Thomas, the organist; Henry would have enjoyed the wonderful singing. Also, to Mr Don Llewellyn who gave a magnificent eulogy to 'Butch'.

We would also like to thank Hywel Wigley and staff at Acapela, Pentyrch, for the superb buffet which they prepared for everyone after the funeral service.

Finally, a big thank you to Mr Jason Ward for bringing his 1966 Vanden Plas Princess hearse all the way from Holywell, North Wales, and members of the South Wales Classic Car Club for attending with their classic cars.

Henry would have been so proud.

Thank you to everyone who attended the funeral.

"Good Night, God Bless, Butch"

In Memory

KLEE
Karon

The fact that you are no longer here,
will always cause us pain, but you are forever
in our hearts, until we meet again.

Love Mum, Dad & Pauline

Birthday In Memory

VERNON
ROGER

21 June 1946 - 13 October 2015

Happy 70th Birthday

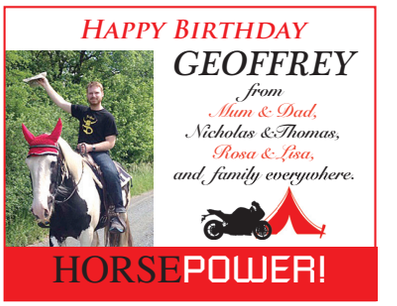
Miss you so much Rog
Love you forever Shirley (sis) xx

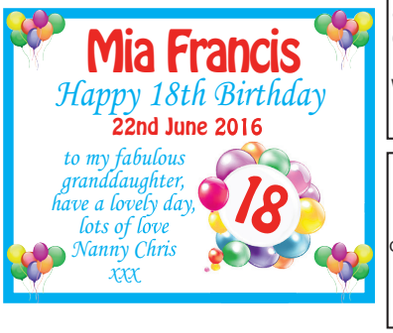
Thank You

A Big Thank You

To all the Barry Comprehensive School staff who contributed towards my lovely present and kind messages on my retirement.
Ilo x
(Cleaning Supervisor)

Birthdays





Recruitment

Meadowvale Homes/CS Contracting
based in Boverton, Llantwit Major.
requires
Admin assistant, PA, secretary.
Experience of payroll, invoicing and sales is preferred.
Also wanted **Handyman/Gardener**
Both positions full or part-time, flexible hours.
Email CV to newhousedevelopments@gmail.com

A gentleman with MS living in St Athan is looking to employ a personal assistant to provide support with all aspects of personal care within the home.

There are 38.5 hours of work available over 7 days a week, rate of pay is £8 per hour.

Telephone: 01443 827930 or e-mail recruitment@dewiscil.org.uk

Quote Ref: VOG174. Successful applicants are required to provide an enhanced disclosure, expense to be met by employer.
Charity No. 1098229

MECHANIC WANTED
To work primarily on the Land Rover range of vehicles, but not exclusively. Experience an advantage but not essential. Training given.
PLEASE CALL IAN FOR MORE INFORMATION ON 02920 890567.

Sully Sports and Social Club, South Road, Sully
requires
Bar/Cellar Person
Excellent rate of pay, hours negotiable. Requires flexible & weekend working. Holiday and pension entitlements.
Must be reliable.
Tel 02920 530629

Bar Manager and Part-Time Qualified Chef
Required in Barry.
Wages to be negotiated.
Tel: 07833 222098
07905 597446

Daily Housekeeper
Help required by elderly couple in Cowbridge. General housework, laundry & ironing, some cooking. Hours by arrangement. 3 mornings per week.
Tel: 01446 772214

Are you fit to deliver?
We need fit reliable people to help distribute the **Glamorgan GEM** newspaper to local homes, once a week.
- TEENAGERS (aged 13 years and over)
- ACTIVE SENIOR CITIZENS
- HOUSEWIVES - STUDENTS SHIFT WORKERS

Please ring:
01202 811666
email
info@thedistributionbusiness.co.uk

If we do not have an immediate vacancy in your area, your details will be placed on our waiting list until a suitable opportunity occurs.

House Clearance

ANDREW WILLIAMS
HOUSE CLEARANCES
FULL/PART
Over 20 years experience.
Sympathetic handling of deceased estates, used by estate agents and solicitors.
01446 409266
07885 251742

Tuition

TUITION
Qualified & experienced teacher offering tuition of English, French and Spanish to both children and adults (beginners up to A-Level).
Tel: 01446 420035 or 07814 257641

House Clearance

HOUSE CLEARANCE
local, reliable, friendly, accommodating
Call: 07972510158

Public Notice

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Simon Gibson Transport Ltd of **A W Nielsen Road, Goole, East Yorkshire, DN14 6UE** is applying to add an operating centre to keep **6** vehicles and **6** trailers at **Cenin Cement, Parc Stormy, Stormydown, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, CF33 4RS.**

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

Found

FOUND
In Castle-upon-Alun
VW CAR KEY
on Sunday, 15 May
in the lane near Fford.
Tel 07775 557815

FOUND
Polo Ralph Lauren reading glasses
Salisbury Road, Barry
on Sunday, 12 June.
Tel 01446 732624

Call 01446 774484 to advertise with The GEM, and reach 45,000 homes from Penarth to Porthcawl

Articles For Sale

ADVERTISE HERE £12 inc. VAT - box for 2 weeks. To take advantage of this offer simply either send in your description along with a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to 'The Glamorgan GEM' at The GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or telephone us with your wording by 12 noon Tuesday. All major credit cards accepted. Tel 01446 774484. Advert must contain a residential land line telephone number. You may alter your advert as items are sold. **Sorry no refunds are given.**

Chico cream sideboard, extending table and 4 chairs.
Excellent condition.
Collection only
£175 ono
Barry Island
01446 720859
07766 311489 24

Invacare Medical Hoist
2 months old
Cost £1500 will accept £700
01446 679952 25

Motors For Sale

Motorhome
CI Riviera Fiat Ducato.
2.8 Diesel, 2001, 40,300 miles, 5 berth, VGC, tax Aug 2016, habitation service, service record, MOT.
£12,000 ono
07786 638449 24

Tempo Disabled Scooter
1 year 2 months old.
Hardly used.
Paid £800 will sell
£400 (No offers)
01656 749594
(Afternoons only) 25

Ford KA 2002
1.3 in Silver, New brakes and oil sump, Ideal first car, Llantwit Major
£600 ono.
07772 425997
07951 168293 22

Shoprider Mobility Scooter
Hardly used.
£300 ono
01446 722235
(Buyer collect) 25

TO ADVERTISE YOUR SITUATIONS VACANT, FAMILY NOTICES, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, ETC Call Sue on 01446 774484. email: gemsales@tindlenews.co.uk

The doctor who protected Barry from bubonic plague

LAURIE OWEN, a long-time resident of Barry, tells the story of the town's first GP – a man who battled to bring safety and sanitation to a rapidly growing community.

IN 1884, the small village of Barry would become a bustling town, with the arrival of thousands of navvies and tradesmen of all kinds, intent on building the Docks.

George Neale (1852-1917) was born in Mountsorrel, Leicestershire, and became the first General Practitioner in Barry. His father, Henry, was a manufacturing hosier, but very little is known about his childhood or his family.

Indeed, the first mention of George was in Porth at the Tynewydd Colliery disaster of 1877. He was studying medicine at London Hospital and it was necessary for students to serve their final five years as an 'apprentice', so it seems likely that his time was under Dr Henry Naunton Davies JP, LRCP (Lond), LSA and the colliery surgeon at the time.

In April 1877, four men and a boy were trapped for 10 days underground, and 10 doctors assisted the rescue party, with no small risk to their own safety.

George was one of those men and he was subsequently awarded a bronze medal for his contribution.

Five years later, he qualified LRCP (Edin) and LRCS (Edin) and by 1884, in the knowledge that the Docks in Barry were to be built, this young physician/surgeon realised that his skills would surely be needed.

Just two years later, he married Sarah Matthews, the daughter of a local farmer.

He was the first GP in Barry, with his surgery in Porthkerry Road in 1885, and the 1891 census showed his address as 'Mountsorrel'.

Living with him were Margaret Ockwell, a servant, and Charles Hockley, a groom/domestic, but his wife Sarah was possibly a visitor with Rebecca Mackell in Bedwellty. It is likely that he built this large house and named it after his place of birth and it was well-known by my generation, as we grew up in the 1940s and beyond.

Dr Neale would surely have been overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of people and the chaos in which they were living. The new arrivals naturally brought with them not only the health problems of the time but also the many accidents, caused by the building of the Docks and the hundreds of homes springing up all over town.

In 1888, the Local Government Board appointed Dr George Neale the first Medical Officer of Health (MOH), with a salary of £25 pa and a further £30 pa as Port Medical Officer. He would hold these positions for the next 26 years before retiring in 1915.

Dr David Williams of Park Road kindly gave me access to a comprehensive account, which his father, Dr J H Williams, had painstakingly researched, of the work carried out by Dr George Neale over the 30-year period he spent with us.

From his first report as MOH in 1889, Dr Neale expressed concern at the poor living conditions and the ignorance of the poorer inhabitants, and with a population already of 10,000, he urged the completion of a proper sewerage scheme and adequate water supply.

This same year the 'Notification of Infectious Diseases Act' came into force and a quarantine station for ships with disease on board was chosen, between the East Breakwater and Sully Island.

He also circulated instructions to every house about the precautions needed and the management and isolation of infected patients. Scarlet fever, measles and diarrhoea were prevalent and with an average of seven people per house, control was difficult.

After much urging, in 1891, the Doctor was able to erect a temporary wooden Infectious Diseases Hospital 'on shore adjacent to the eastern Docks' at a cost of £161.6 shillings, which could accommodate 10 sailors in three wards.

In 1897, when bubonic plague from Bombay was reported, Dr Neale visited the ships in quarantine on a daily basis until they were infection free. It should be remembered that the many different diseases which sailors from all over the world brought with them, were hazardous and challenging for doctors and nurses alike.

After many stressful times, progress was being made, albeit slowly, when in 1894, permission was given to borrow over £6,000 to build an Infectious Diseases Hospital on Colcot Road. Frustratingly, it did not open until 1902, when it was restricted to smallpox and typhoid fever in seamen only.

Even after the opening of the Smallpox Hospital on Weycock Road in 1906, it was another six years before patients from town were admitted.

In a further attempt at isolation, in 1896, the Marquis of Bute leased some land on Flat Holm to Cardiff Corporation for £50 pa, to build a Cholera Hospital and it was the only Victorian sanatorium on a British offshore island. It was closed in 1935 and left to decay, but thankfully the island has been restored and is now a local nature reserve.

In 1897, Guglielmo Marconi transmitted the first wireless signals over open sea, from Flat Holm to Lavernock, just four miles away.

While all this was going on, there was personal tragedy for Dr Neale, when his wife Sarah died at Mountsorrel in 1898.

His report in 1906 contained the chilling fact that infant death rate was as high as it had been 70 years ago and he suggested that girls should be taught 'domestic economy', which would finally be adopted seven years later, with 'housewifery' centres in Hannah Street and Gladstone Road schools.

As evidence of need, when local residents could finally be treated, records show that in 1913, there were 135 admissions to the hospital on Colcot Road and 268 the following year. Now aged 62 and after many years of devotion to his patients, with particular emphasis on the young, Dr Neale decided to resign as MOH and become the Superintendent of this hospital, before taking well-earned retirement the following year.

My own family would certainly have been treated by the doctor or one of his colleagues, but those of us who came after have also benefitted from the practices set in place by this early pioneer.

The doctor also had an eye for business affairs, when in 1889, a group of local men set up the 'Barry Dock Permanent Building Society' and he was elected its chairman. Other directors were prominent men such as PJ O'Donnell, the physician/Ssurgeon and JP, John C Meggitt, timber merchant, and JC Pardoe, the council surveyor.

Much as today, there was a shortage of housing leading to rents being very high, so the aim was to encourage men who were working to take on a mortgage and buy their own homes.

The following year, he was a director of the 'Barry Castle Building Company', which in its first year would build 43 houses, shops and villas, including around the Park Crescent area. Indeed, they were pleased to announce that they could pay a 4 per cent dividend after just one year of trading.

Dr Neale was already a Mason when in 1893, he was sworn in as a JP.

An interesting story in the Barry Dock News of 1896 told of a group of 'capitalists' buying the 'Barry Dock and District Steam Laundry', with the intention of running it in Barry and not in Cardiff. They felt that with new machinery, their expertise and many contacts, they could increase employment in the town.

Dr Neale was a director, along with others including James Howell and W Morgan of The Hayes. Many of these early figures would later be recognised for their contributions to the growth of Barry by having local streets named after them.

Sadly, just two years after retiring, Dr Neale died at his home, Mountsorrel, on September 5, 1917 and was buried in Porthkerry Churchyard alongside his wife Sarah who had died 19 years earlier.

He could not know that in the 1950s, Glamorgan County Council would honour both himself and his colleague, Dr Kent, by naming the former Infectious Diseases Hospital, the 'Neale and Kent'.

As befits a man of such stature, his story does not end with his death. In his will he left some family bequests and also to Porthkerry and Penmark Churches, but the residue of his estate was to be used to establish a Trust, with the proceeds to help the children of Barry.

The annual income was to "improve the physical conditions of such children (for example the provision of suitable clothes, boots and food or physical exercises) so that the children may grow up strong and healthy men and women".

Dr Kent was one of the trustees and they reported that in 1921, 782 pairs of clogs and 226 pairs of stockings were provided, with 193 meals and the following year 925 clogs and 603 stockings.

Until the arrival of the NHS in 1948, fees for children's treatment at the Prince of Wales Hospital were often paid for by the Trust, with 'maintenance fees' for children varying from £1.15 shillings to £2.2s per week.

Over the following years, children's needs changed and some funds were switched to educational projects and youth organisations. In 1970, the Trust held a meeting with several local welfare heads and after much discussion, it was decided that the supply of footwear should still be continued and focus should also be given to single-parent families with three or four young children.

Although childless, this man could not have been more caring for all the poor and ailing children of Barry and he set a standard for all doctors to follow.

In next week's GEM, Laurie Owen looks at the life of Dr Percy Wheeler Kent.

READER'S VIEWPOINT

'EU countries in it for what they can take out'

WE have heard many misleading comments and statements by both 'Remain' and 'Brexit', but more misleading by the Remain.

In 1973 when we became the eighth member, the EU accounted for 31 per cent of world economic output. Today the figure is just 17 per cent.

It underlines the shrinking role of the EU in the world economy and why so many immigrants are coming to the UK to work, and for our better conditions, and again why so many from outside the EU come here.

Many countries in the EU are members, not 'for what they can do to improve and strengthen the EU economically', but 'what they can take out financially and other means.'

Some 18-plus countries in the EU take more out, mainly from what the UK and Germany put in.

France continues to issue threats against us if we leave. Look deeper and ask yourselves why this is.

While everyone likes the Pound to be strong against other currencies, it means we cannot compete fairly with many countries, because of EU laws in the areas of rules for business and employment.

Barry Hoey,
Bridgend.

Go to The GEM for the latest stories and breaking news...
www.barry-today.co.uk
www.cowbridge-today.co.uk
www.llantwit-major-today.co.uk
www.bridgend-today.co.uk
www.porthcawl-today.co.uk

Local artist explores 'Beauty Within' Barry

BARRY-BASED RL Clarkson will be showing a one-woman exhibition at The Room in the Park Gallery in Victoria Park, Barry from June 16.

Entitled 'Beauty Within', the work is inspired by Barry's landscape – both the coastal and the town's urban spaces.

RL Clarkson (Rebecca) studied BA (Hons) Ceramics and Painting at Wolverhampton University, followed by an MA in Ceramic Design from Staffordshire University.

Rebecca "...creates new artworks, using mixed media working with ceramics as her canvas. She works in multiples, with each individual piece standing alone or within the collection as a whole."

Rebecca Clarkson.

Rebecca said: "As an artist living and working in Barry, my new work 'Beauty Within' is highly influenced by the surroundings: the urban and suburban; the cliff tops and beaches."

Inspired by her time spent in and around the potteries of Staffordshire, Rebecca's work is always functional as well as being aesthetically beautiful.

Rebecca is a member of VOGA – the Vale of Glamorgan Artists – and has recently exhibited selected pieces of the collection at The Boundary Gallery in Cardiff Bay.

The exhibition – sponsored by Homemade Wales – takes place at The Room in the Park, Victoria Park, Barry and is open to the public from Thursday, June 16 until Thursday, June 30. Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am – 4pm, Sat 10am – 12pm; Sun closed. Admission is free and for more information, visit facebook.com/homemade wales

‘Hell cannot be much worse’

The Welsh at Mametz Wood

THE attack of the 38th (Welsh) Division on the German positions in Mametz Wood in July 1916, the second week of the Battle of the Somme, would cost it some 4,000 casualties. It also led to an attack on the honour of the division.

July this year sees the centenary of this famous Welsh battle. A special service of commemoration will be held on the ground that was fought over from July 7 to 11, 1916 and pupils and staff from St Cyres School in Penarth have been invited to take part in the day’s events by the Welsh Government.

The headteacher of St Cyres School, Dr Jonathan Hicks, has written extensively on the battle. Here he recounts the story of those dark days:

The 38th (Welsh) Division was formed in December 1914 under the leadership of Major-General Ivor Philipps. New battalions of the Welsh Regiment, the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and the South Wales Borderers were recruited from the cities of Cardiff and Swansea, from the Rhondda, Caernarvon, Anglesey, Carmarthenshire and Gwent, as well as from London and north Wales.

These battalions eventually departed for France during the first week of December 1915. It was the start of active service that was to see the Division involved in some of the fiercest fighting on the Western Front.

Following the early fighting on the Somme, the British Army had pressed the German army back beyond the village of Mametz, and were facing them across the shallow valley to the south of Mametz Wood.

Mametz Wood was, and still is, the largest wood on the Somme, covering an area of over 200 acres.

The Germans were able to bring flanking fire to bear on any approach to the wood from Flatiron and Sabot Copses to the east. Further, the German second line was 300 yards beyond the northern edge of the wood and hence it could be reinforced easily. Among the German units facing the Welshmen was the Lehr Regiment of the Prussian Guard.

The attack was planned for 8.30am on the morning of July 7 and, even though the planned smokescreen did not appear, the 11th SWB and 16th Welsh rose to their task as soon as the artillery stopped and immediately came under fire from the German machine guns. Casualties mounted and the attack petered out some 250 yards short of the wood.

The attack had cost 400 casualties and Philipps was removed, command of the division passing to Major-General Watts who immediately set about organising another attack.

At 3.30am on July 10 the artillery barrage opened up and a little after 4am the attack began. The 16th RWF lost a measure of the cover offered by the artillery fire and subsequently the battalion lost heavily in the advance to the wood.

On the right, the 13th Welsh also came under fire from the German machine guns. They suffered heavy casualties and were beaten back on two occasions but finally they managed to get a foothold in the wood.

The 14th Welsh reached the wood more or less as the artillery barrage was lifting from the edge. On the left the 14th RWF attacked close behind the 16th RWF, and Brigadier Price-Davies committed the 15th and 13th RWF to the attack almost immediately.

On the right the 10th Welsh were added to the attack, making a total of seven out of eight battalions of the two brigades engaged in action.

The attack was a success with all the objectives being taken ahead of schedule, but it had not been without cost. In the seven battalions that went into battle five of the commanding officers had been killed or seriously wounded. Added to this was the loss of many of the junior officers, which resulted in the control of the thousands of men in the wood becoming increasingly difficult.

German reinforcements flooded in and this created havoc for a while among the attacking Welshmen, but by about 2.40pm the 10th SWB were able to get patrols out to the northern edge.

By 6.30pm that day the bulk of the wood was in the Welshmen’s hands. The day’s fighting ended there but it left the men tired and jumpy, and throughout the night

Dr Jonathan Hicks

there was much wild firing.

An attack was planned for 3pm on July 11, with the 16th Welsh, 17th RWF and 11th SWB taking the lead. At 2.45pm an artillery barrage was opened up but fell short and landed among the Welsh troops.

The 11th SWB reached the north-east corner of the wood by 5.40pm and there was fierce fighting throughout the rest of the day. The German reaction was to realise that to continue to defend the wood was fruitless, and orders were issued for their withdrawal. As dawn broke on July 12 the tired troops of the 38th (Welsh) Division were relieved.

The fighting for Mametz Wood was over. It had cost 4,000 casualties – about a third of the infantry strength, but the Division was to get little credit for the work. Another year was to pass before they were given the opportunity to show their worth, and at Pilckem Ridge, near Ypres, their honour was restored, but not before many more men had died.

The survivors left behind a number of moving accounts of their experiences over those days.

Emlyn Davies of 17th Royal Welsh Fusiliers described what he saw when he entered Mametz Wood. “Gory scenes met our gaze. Mangled corpses in khaki and field-grey; dismembered bodies, severed heads and limbs; lumps of torn flesh half way up tree trunks; a Welsh Fusilier reclining on a mound, a red trickle oozing from his bayonetted throat; a South Wales Borderer and a German locked in their deadliest embraces – they had simultaneously bayonetted each other. A German gunner with jaws blown off lay against his machine gun, hand still on its trigger.’

An unknown officer described the last moments of 2nd Lt Alan Sheriff Roberts, aged 20, from Chester. “We found under trees and bushes many a boy who had lost all hope of being found, and who had settled down in that desolate spot to die.

“In one corner, at the foot of a tree, we found Roberts. From his wounds I could see at once that we could do nothing for him. I got down, undid his collar, took off his cap and put my hand on his clear forehead. Feeling a touch, he opened his eyes, and recognising me smiled faintly, and murmured in a gentle voice, “Captain.” In a hopeless way I tried to do something for him, but he wanted nothing. He was in terrific pain but he looked so mysteriously calm. The precious breath was getting fainter and fainter whilst his face became brighter and brighter, developing at the last a clearness that was well-nigh unearthly.”

Signaller W Harold Bampfield of the 16th Welsh recalled: “While we were in the wood one German came out of the brushwood. I couldn’t understand why he didn’t shoot me. He put up his hands and said, ‘Don’t shoot, Taff.’ I said to him, ’You speak English.’ He said, ‘And Welsh.’ He asked me what part of Wales I was from. I told him from the Rhymney Valley, working underground in Bargoed. He said, ‘You must have seen me. I was working on top of the gantry, shoving the trams. They used to call me ‘Long Tom’. Just before the war broke out they recalled me to Germany to fight for the Fatherland.’ I handed him over where there were some more prisoners gathered in the wood. I often wonder did he get back to Germany because they were shelling pretty heavy.”

As the commemorations of the centenary of the battle this year will embrace the theme of reconciliation, it is as well to recall the suffering experienced by the German soldiers.

Gefreiter Erich Berndt of the the Lehr Infantry Regiment wrote: “During the night the shelling in the wood increased dramatically, destroying a dugout to our right. In addition to other comrades, my good friend Garde-Fusilier Friedrich Bierkamp met his end there. Offizierstellvertreter Jablonsky was buried for a short time. Extricated whole in body but disturbed in spirit, he was killed several days later.

“Next to hunger, thirst tormented us the most. There was no drinking water in Mametz Wood. In desperation, most resorted to scooping what lay in the bottom of craters. In order to filter out the worst of the dirt and filth we used our handkerchiefs. I was so tired I fell asleep standing against a tree.”

Harry Fellows was a lance corporal with the 12th Northumberland Fusiliers. He was one of a number of men charged with burying the dead inside Mametz Wood. The stench of the dead bodies was unbearable and took months to clear from his nostrils. Where a body had been blown apart by shellfire, the parts were placed in a grave using a shovel. It was reckoned that over 1,000 men were buried in this way on one day alone.

Harry Fellows never forgot this terrible experience and though he survived the war, when he died in 1987 it was his wish that his ashes be buried in Mametz Wood. On his headstone are inscribed the words: *‘Where once there was war now peace reigns supreme and birds sing again in Mametz.’*

In 1930, 14 years after the battle, Mrs Helen Wheadon of Arabella Street in Cardiff was notified that her son’s remains had been found and identified inside Mametz Wood. Private John Bryant Collins of the 15th Welsh had been reported missing on July 11. He was buried in Serre Road Cemetery and his mother at last knew exactly where her son lay.

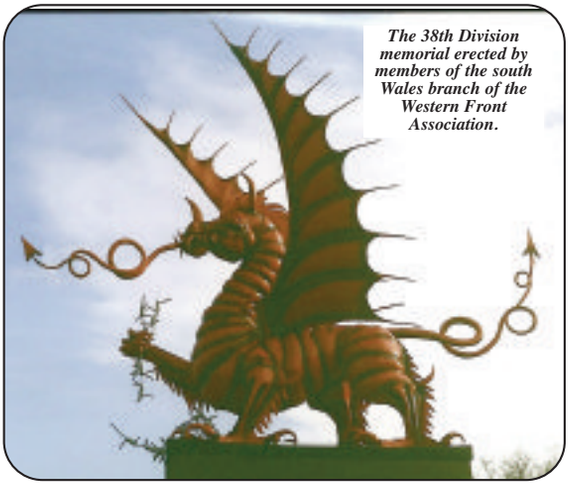
As the years pass, perhaps more men will come in from the cold as we continue to hear the voices from Mametz Wood.

Dr Jonathan Hicks is the author of The Welsh at Mametz Wood, Somme 1916 published by Y Lolfa.

ABOVE: Private Emlyn Davies.

LEFT: Mametz Wood, a vision of hell.

A German soldier.



The 38th Division memorial erected by members of the south Wales branch of the Western Front Association.

Conservative MP launches a survey over Island service

Left to right: Alun Cairns, Jill Woodward, Neil Woodward, and Andy Green.

VALE MP Alun Cairns, Welsh Secretary of State, has launched a survey of Barry Island rail passengers in response to continued terminations of the service from the Barry station to the Island.

He joined Andy Green of the Barry Ideas Bank, and Jill and Neil Woodward of the Island’s residents’ association to start the process of surveying rail users recently.

The survey is designed to measure the impact of the problem. Results so far show a deep frustration with frequent cancellations, a problem mentioned by every respondent.

Completed surveys also describe how rail service terminations at Barry station are causing Island residents to be late for work, incur taxi fares and miss appointments.

In the past year, 437 trains to Barry Island have terminated at Barry station or Cardiff Central station. This averages at eight times per week across the year.

The cancellations are primarily a result of decisions made by the rail operators, Arriva Trains Wales, and Network Rail to terminate and re-start the service at Barry to make up lost time and reduce delays along the line.

Arriva Trains Wales have explained to Alun Cairns that “decisions for terminating (Barry Island) services are initiated by our control to recover the service and restore the advertised timetable.”

The Vale MP however, worries about the impact of this policy on Island residents.

He said: “I have launched this survey so that the impact of the decisions to terminate Barry Island services at Barry station is appreciated.

“Many residents have told me how they have had to shell out for taxis or walk the causeway, often late at night and in wintry conditions. Many more have described how they have been late for work or missed appointments as a result.

“I will be taking this matter up with Arriva and using the findings of my survey to illustrate the case for terminating fewer trains to the Island. In the meantime, I encourage everyone affected by delays and cancellations to seek the available refunds and

Local bowls club round-up

'Outstanding performance in the Cowbridge Shield'

ANOTHER busy week for our ladies playing in three matches all at home.

On Monday June 6 in the two-rink evening league the visitors were a Cardiff team know as Cardiff G. Cowbridge were well beaten by a team comprising the most competitive and best players in Wales.

Rink scores: Lin Wallace, Dorothy Pritchard, Phyllis Price and Daine Lloyd, 16 - 20; Daine Purnell, Margaret Cooper, Lynda Wilson and Sue Flower, 7 - 25. Match score: Cowbridge 23 Cardiff G 45.

The following day in a Cowbridge Shield Competition, the ladies welcome Pencoed to our green and won on two of the three rinks.

There was an outstanding performance by Sylvia Hole's quartet of Sian Lewis, Diane Radley, Diane Lloyd and Sylvia winning by 21 shots to 5. Other rink scores: Corrie Bufton, Pat Davey, Joy Woolford and Dorothy Pritchard, 13 - 20; Lynda Wilson, Caryl Davies, May Jones and Pat Holdsworth, 19 - 13. Match score : Cowbridge 53 Pencoed 38

On Thursday Cowbridge picked up maximum points by winning on all 3 rinks in a league game against Murch from Dinas Powis.

Rink scores: Lynda Wilson, Margaret Cooper, Pat Holdsworth and Kay Edwards, 23 - 13; Diane Purnell, Sian Lewis, Phyllis Price and Shirley Willkinson, 16 - 11; Corrie Buffton, Diane Lloyd, Joy Woolford and Sue Flower, 23 - 10. Match score Cowbridge 62 - Murch 34.

The men played two games both away.

In the midweek Munro Cup game the opponents were Barry Athletic. It is always a pleasure to play on their good grass green and Cowbridge can be pleased with their performance by winning on two of the rinks. With five ends to play Cowbridge were ahead overall but Barry came back to force a draw.

Rink scores: Gerry Lloyd, John Collin, Tony Lewis and Alan Wallace, 28 - 11; Ron Frayling Bryan Hole Rob Lewis and Clive Pritchard, 18 - 17; Terry Dunsworth, Steve Dodsworth, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson, 10 - 24. Mansel Davey, Byron Richards, Brain Kent and Roger Barwick, 11 - 15.

For their weekend league game, Cowbridge played Ynysangharad in Pontypridd and by winning on one of the three rinks gained two valuable points. It was a struggle to raise full team for this match and captain Clive Pritchard was grateful to those who were called up at the last minute and played their part.

Rink scores: Mansel Davey, Len Taylor Tony Lewis and Bob Penn 27 - 13; Gerry Lloyd, Ron Woolford, John Trott and Clive Pritchard 12 - 25; Bryan Hole, David Howell, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 9 - 25; Ron Frayling, John Collin, Brian Kent and Brian Williams,16 - 38. Match score :Cowbridge 64 - Ynysangharad 101.

The men play their first league game at home this Saturday to Gelligale a team that also has a carpet surface. Should be interesting. Spectators are welcome. We have plenty of seating around the green which is situated behind the Leisure Centre. The match will start at 2.30pm.

MB

Llantwit A bowlers go close at Aberkenfig

Llantwit Major 'A' travelled to Aberkenfig on Thursday, June 9, in the Rockwood Triples League on a green which had a similar surface to Llantwit's own.

Geoff Timms, Cen Williams and Mike Harmon had a very good win by five shots, scoring seven shots to five on the last five ends to win 21-16.

Ian Williamson, John O'Brien and John Nixon also had a win by just one shot, but as they conceded 10 shots and scored just two on the last six ends, the win could have been considerably more.

The experienced Charles Hiscock and John Crane, supported by the ever-improving Andy Vincent, were never in arrears and scoring three fives and a three, finished 22-13.

However, it was a different story for Ken Williams, Paul Brown and Eric Sparks. Having got off to a magnificent start with a seven shots to one in Llantwit's favour after just four ends, they proceeded to drop a six, two threes, a five and two fours to give Aberkenfig the advantage that Llantwit were unable to recover ending 11-33. Llantwit 70 - Aberkenfig 77.

In contrast to the excellent green on Thursday at Aberkenfig, Llantwit A Team visited Belle Vue Penarth, which must be one of the 'heaviest' greens in the Vale.

Belle Vue were two short and Keith Alexander and his rink of Ian Williamson, Andy Vincent and Dave Thomas, took full advantage by adapting very well to the difficult conditions, and ended the game winning by five and a quarter shots, 18 to 12.75.

John Nixon's four of Derek Lancaster, Paul Brown and Eric Sparks, adapted to the conditions and, staying the pace after being only 14–11 up on the 11th end, proceeded to score 14 shots with only one in reply on the next nine ends, finishing 31–15.

Graham Merchant's team of Cen Williams, Geoff Timms and Pat Twomey also played against a triple and fought hard and ended up losing by nine-and-a-half shots.

Cen Williams found the going difficult on the heavy green, losing 19.5 - 10, which was better than the remaining rink who lost heavily and if it had not been for new bowler John Moison, the score might have been even worse.

Scoring only two twos and a one, the rink of John Moison, Ken Williams, John Ball and Mike Harmon found the green far too heavy and found it almost impossible to reach the long ends which Belle Vue were playing, dropping an eight on the 10th end and four fours and a six, to make the final score 5–50.

The team score was Llantwit 64 Belle Vue 97

WJB

GOOD GALA RESULTS FOR BARRY BEAVERS

BARRY Beavers travelled to Fairwater Cwmbran on Saturday, June 11, with 19 swimmers and managed to come second overall, competing against seven other Welsh teams,

Gold medalists were: Abigail Finch, Callum Savory, Becky Mae Lawrence, Ffion Jones, Mark Eveleigh and Junior Relay; Jack Kemp, Tyler Savory, Ffion Jones, and Abigail Finch.

Silver medalists: Jack Kemp, Tyler Savory.

Bronze medalists: Andrew Sage, Louis Davies, Sarah Davies.

Team members who improved their times were:

Keira Richards, Faye Sage, Adam Lawrence, Suzanne Haslam, Philip Daly, Sophie Woodham, Heidi Boswell, Gareth Lloyd, Nick Cushen.

A big thank you to all the supporters who came with us, the team value your loyality and support. Also, thank you to Pencoed Coaches for its transport.

Barry Beavers will be practising ready for their next gala in September when we go to Ebbw Vale for the regional/national gala. Before the summer break in August, swimming finishes on July 30 and resumes on September 3.

NC

BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB LATEST RESULTS

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

Wednesday, June 8: First, John Beard and Kevin Maddox; second, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones; third, Rob Forman and Alan Heath; Emer Disley and Debbie Lea; David Bowen and David Crompton.

The winners on handicap were John Beard and Kevin Maddox.

Thursday, June 9: First, Stuart Davies and John Henson; Second: Dennis Smith and Wendy Bailey; Third: Glyn Williams and David Newman.

The winners on handicap were Stuart Davies and John Henson

Friday, June 10: First: Tony and Emer Disley second: David Melville and Ian Grove; third, Simon and Debbie Richards.

The winners on handicap were Tony and Emer Disley.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to begin at 7pm, so it helps if players arrive at least ten minutes early.

On each Thursday afternoon at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session. Master points are awarded, but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

TG

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Hat trick for Vale horse

A SIX-YEAR-OLD mare called *Callymay*, owned and trained by Aberkenfig's Delyth Thomas, made it three wins in a row at the HH Sheikh Mansoor Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival at Hereford racecourse.

A delighted Delyth, who has trained many winners at the Hereford, track said: "*Callymay* ran a blinder today. She loves racing, and I certainly never expected to be leading the Trainer's Championship."

Callymay was ridden by top Arabian horse rider Simon Walker, who is leading the Jockeys' Championship, a title he has won no fewer than nine times including last season.

Callymay and Simon Walker

Simon Walker and Delyth Thomas receive trophies from Amanda Smith.

Point-to-Point awards

THE annual South Wales and Monmouthshire Point-To-Point awards evening will be held at the Holiday Inn, Newport, Gwent, on June 18.

Winners: Champion rider men, John Mathias; Champion rider ladies, Charlotte Evans; Bill Jones Trophy, Bradley Gibbs; South Wales Novice Rider, Richard Patrick; Novice Riders, Conor Orr; Champion Mare, Keith Pritchard's *Watch The Birdie;* Champion Horse, David Llewellyn's *Rosies Peacock;* Champion Horse 12 years and over, David Llewellyn's *Rosies Peacock;* Best Hunter Chaser, Claire Sherriff's *My Corrana*; Best Llangeinor/Pentyrch horse, Steve Young's *Northgeorge*.

They're off!

***THEY'RE Off – The History of the Pembrokeshire Hunt Point-To-Point* by Anthony Williams will appeal to all hunt-racing enthusiasts.**

Winning Grand National jockey, Carl Llewellyn, who grew up in the Pembrokeshire area in his short foreword to this unique book, writes: "The history of the sport from the early days of racing to the present day makes fascinating reading and I wish the book every success."

Carl told me of his plans to turn professional at the 1985 Llangeinor Hunt Point-To-Point after winning the maiden race on a horse called *Yukon Tina*.

His brother, David, had earlier been successful in the adjacent hunts race on *Final Flirtation*.

The book is well illustrated throughout, and there is a picture of the Vale's Mr J W Tudor and family in the paddock after winning the intermediate race with *Musique en Tete*. There is also one of James Tudor scoring om *Sporting Hero* and another of Llancarfan's Evan Williams winning on the prolific *Timber Tool*.

There is also one of Cowbridge's John Llewellyn winning on Peter Bowen's *Gold Shot* at Pembrokeshire in 1991.

It is interesting to read the early reproduced press cuttings, but I was disappointed that none of my own from the Western Telegraph of the last 20 years or so was not used.

The book is dedicated to Colwyn Hooper, the 15-year-old rider who was killed when thrown from his horse at the Pembrokeshire Point-To-Point in 1952.

Back then, they were still riding over banks in the west Wales area and it wasn't until 1953 that: "Two races over fences were introduced into the Pembrokeshire Hunt Point-to-Point Steeplechase meeting at Scoveston last Thursday and this experiment was an unqualified success; in fact, they were the outstanding feature of the programme. Not only did the events produce fine fields, but by far the best racing of the afternoon and it is obvious that serious consideration will have to be given to the extension of this mode of racing."

One of the riders who rode over banks recalled in this book is the late Fred Mathias, grandfather of Welsh champion rider John Mathias. Fred, who wasn't that much older than me, would always greet me with the words, "How are you young man?"

A real character, Fred would be tremendously proud of his grandson, who is one of the best amateur riders to come out of Wales in years.

Another Grand National-winning jockey who had his last point-to-point ride at the Llangeinor Hunt Steeplechases was Hywel Davies, and he wrote: "I did ride on a number of occasions at Scoveston Fort, quite a few for Bert Lavis, and also some for Gillian Cuff, who lived quite locally to me near Cardigan, before following my brother Geraint (Taffy) into the National Hunt game."

They're Off *costs £10 plus postage, and can be obtained from Anthony Williams, Skerryback, Haverfordwest, SA62 3DN; telephone 01646 636598*.

Kristo is the county triple jump champ!

BARRY Comprehensive School student Kristo Ellis ended half term in fine style by becoming the under-15 county triple-jump champion with a jump of 11.13m.

Kristo, who is in year 9, has been selected to represent the county in the Combined Events Championships in Swansea on June 25, along with fellow students Dan Richards (year 10), Harry Carter (year 11) and Robert Boyt (year 12).

Congratulations on the team for being selected and good luck in the competition!

Kristo Ellis became the under 15 county triple-jump champion with a jump of 11.13m.

Sully Sports RFC holds dinner dance

SULLY Sports RFC held its presentation dinner-dance at the clubhouse last Friday, June 10.

Club chairman Richard Gully welcomed Coun Stuart Egan, the Vale mayor and club president, and Chris Mort of Contract Travel Services.

Richard thanked the club's main sponsors, Chris Mort and, in his absence, Gordon Hadfield of the Spinney and Island View Caravan and Holiday Parks, for their generous support over the last season.

Presentations made on the night celebrating the 2015/16 season were:

- Club tie (100 games) to Alex Szuchnik.
- Best new player to Tom Cotter.
- Most improved player to Dai Harris.
- Player of the Year to Alex Szuchnik.
- Players' Player of the Year to Pete Brown.

The club is happy to confirm that Chris Cummins and Barry Booker will again head the coaching team next season, and training will commence in the first week of July.

Reunion Nite

Friday, June 24, sees the next bi-monthly re-union of players/members. Each of the three re-unions held has seen an increase in numbers attending.

The many yarns, stories, memories and songs, have ensured a most enjoyable evening.

The reunion will be at the Sully Club, starting at 7:30pm. Although attended, in the main, by the club's old 'farts', any Sully Sports player/member will be most welcome.

MJS

Barratt celebrates Euro 2016 with new grassroots football sponsorship across south Wales

LEFT: Young players from Llantwit Major FC celebrate support from Barratt Homes.

BARRATT is celebrating Wales being part of Euro 2016 by sponsoring teams that are close to its new developments across south Wales.

Barratt sales director, Richard Lawson, said: "We want to celebrate Wales' participation in Euro 2016 and also show our support for the many young players starting out in the sport right across the south.

"It's important to us that we build lasting relationships with those living in the communities we are helping to create. Football plays a major role in the development of young people from all walks of life.

"Who knows, some of these youngsters may be looking forward to playing in future major championships somewhere down the line."

Mitch Gee, chairman of sponsorship recipient Llantwit Major Junior FC, said: "We would like to thank Barratt for its sponsorship of Llantwit Major Junior Football Club. This has helped us to keep fees for the children's parents really low, giving the opportunity for as many as possible to enjoy their football with us."

Big win for Millwood bowlers in Munro Cup

A 19-shot win for the Millwood side in this tie of the Munro Cup, though not quite sure if this will be enough to see any progression in the Cup.

After the fourth end had been played Millwood had taken a 5 shot lead at 22-17, but after some good bowling by the Central side, this had developed into a two-shot lead to Central after the ninth end 36 –38.

Millwood bowlers then knuckled down to the task in hand. After the 13th end the lead had swung to Millwood who then took a 12-shot advantage to lead by 57– 45.

This lead was too great a target for Central to try to claw back because after the final 18th end, Millwood had the 19 shot winning margin.

As the clubhouse welcomed all players after the game for the usual hospitality, and 'post mortem' as to how the game was played, everyone enjoyed the pleasure of a very sociable evening.

Thank you Central for your company, for another game to follow very shortly, this time a league 7 game.

Final score Millwood 83 Barry Central 64.

Travelling away to St Peters' for this Division Four game, the weather turned out to be a lovely day for a keenly contested game.

When the fifth end had been played, Millwood had managed to take a four-shot lead at 19 –15. What proceeded then put Millwood into a very welcome 17 shot advantage at the completion of the 10th end by the score of 45—28.

Had Millwood taken too much of a lead for St. Peters' to reduce the deficit? When the 15th end had been played, the score was now a lot closer with Millwood only leading by 51—41.

What would the last six ends turn out to be contested like? As luck would have it, the gap for St Peters' was just that little bit out of reach, for Millwood ran out the winners by a very slender margin of just 3 shots at the 21st end, and won by 72 shots to 69.

Talk about a close run game. Please, not too many of these during this season!

There was a lot of good play by Millwood on rink two at the beginning forming the basis of the win because after just 10 ends Brian Crockford's rink led by a very healthy 19 shots to 0. Well done lads.

Match result: Millwood 72. St Peters – 69.

Welcoming Cadoxton A for this Division 7 game. Millwood took a very early lead after the fifth end and were lying 25 shots to 20, but at the 10th end the gap had narrowed though still in favour of Millwood for them to be only 3 shots in the lead at 40 – 37.

It looked like a very close game could be on the cards over the last half of the game.

Millwood put a bit of pressure on Cadoxton A, for after the 15th end the game still stood in favour of the home side to be leading by 59 shots to 54.

How would the final ends pan out? As Millwood kept piling the shots in they managed to run out winners by an 11 shot winning margin 84 – 73. A good result was due to rink four who managed a 10-shot win margin.

Without that margin, a very different game might have been keenly contested. As with every game, a lot depends on good play, luck and what chances are taken or missed.

Thanks go to Cadoxton A for the contest, and the spirit in which all games of Bowls are played and enjoyed in.

Match result: Millwood 'A' 84 Cadoxton 'A' 73.

Weekend of mixed results for Vale Club cricketers

THERE were mixed results for Vale Cricket Club's sides last weekend.

The Firsts travelled to Machen and lost by 10 wickets while a hastily-assembled Second XI produced an outstanding performance in the reverse fixture in Corntown.

Asked to bat first, the Firsts got off to a good start after the early loss of Gareth Andrews. JJ Davies (47) played really well and in partnership with Mark Francis were going along at over five an over.

Francis' departure, however, started a middle order collapse which put the away side in trouble at 70 for 8.

Spirited hitting by Darren Upham (46), firstly in partnership with Max Collis and then Carl Brooks saw the score to 147, well under part on a fast scoring wicket and ground.

The Machen openers teed off from the start and raced away to the target in 20 overs, Jones 71 not out and Thomas 60 not out.

Back in Corntown, stand-in captain Mark Stephens oversaw a great 6-wicket victory. Fielding first, consistent bowling from Will Johnson (4-27), Gareth Kellen (2-13) and Owens (2-4) dismissed Machen for 136.

In reply, the skipper scored 56 not out and in accompaniment with Gethin Merry (39) saw the side home within 33 overs.

CARL BROOKS

Bowls club is host to 'home international' event for deaf teams

OVER the weekend of Friday, July 1, to Sunday, July 3, Millwood Bowls Club has the honour and privilege to be the first Welsh club to host the Deaf Bowls International Weekend, between teams representing Wales, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The tournament is organised by the Welsh Deaf Bowls Association on behalf of the British Deaf Bowls Association and is played between mixed mens and ladies teams in a team format.

The teams will arrive on Friday afternoon and take part in a practice session

The official opening ceremony starts at 9.15am Saturday morning with a procession by all teams, led by the Welsh team.

The official opening will be performed by the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Stuart Egan. Then, the club presidents, Derek Gorringe and Mrs Mary Edmunds, will do the ceremonial 'roll off' to start the tournament.

The club cordially invites all members of the public to come and see teams in action and to show their support for all bowlers, particularly the Welsh team

Refreshments will be available all day in the clubhouse. We look forward to welcoming you on the day.

Brian Howcroft
Men's secretary.

Flint lands a winner

BRIDGEND'S John Flint had plenty to smile about at rainsoaked Chepstow last Friday when the judge ruled that his 10-year-old course winner *Urban Space*, ridden by Tim Clark, and a 6-1 chance, had beaten the bottom weighted *Prince Of Islay* by a neck in a photo-finish in the two miles Longcroft Handicap.

Maisy Missile

Maisy Missile, owned, bred and trained by Mrs Mary Evans, mother of Llancarfan racehorse trainer Evan Williams, landed the two-mile Blue Cross For Pets Handicap Chase at Newton Abbot last Friday.

Well ridden by Evan's stable jockey Paul Moloney, *Maisy Missile* at 14- years-old the oldest horse in the race won by seven lengths from *Ladies Dancing*.

A winner of two hurdle races and three chases, the bottom weighted *Maisy Missile* was winning for the first time since 2013 and was returned at odds of 9-1. Mrs Evans and her husband Bill Evans farm in Pembrokeshire.

Brian Lee

Cavaliers Seconds win with a number of overs to spare

by DAVE CHEAL

Scott Buckley of Llantwit Major Cavaliers Seconds, won the toss and elected to insert Morriston 2nd XI in the latest round of SWCA Division 6 matches, with the match balls sponsored by Roz Couzens Chiropodist.

Morriston got off to a good start with Dan Short (11) and Phil Evans (73) putting on 77, in 21 overs, for the first wicket, before losing two wickets in the 22nd over to an Ed Pickford (8-4-9-3) double wicket maiden.

Kelvin Thomas scored 36 and held the innings together, after the departure of Phil Evans, before Morriston were bowled out for 150 in the 38th over with Phil Harris (2 for 12) and a wicket each for Nick Harris, Fraser Prior and Kieran Davies with Ed and Dom Henson taking catches.

The Cavs reply contained a number of decent innings with opener Ed Pickford (35), Scott Buckley (22 not out), Kieran Davies (12) and 15 year old Dom Henson (11) all making useful contributions.

However the Cavs were indebted to 16-year-old Nick Harris (42) who hit a personal best, including nine 4s in an innings that would have given him plenty of confidence going forward.

The Cavs won the game in the 39th over with skipper Scott Buckley finishing the match with a six to take the Cavs to 155 for eight and claim 19 points from the game.

The wicket takers for Morriston were Jon Shefford, Kelvin Thomas, Dan Short and Nathan Benianous all with two each. An excellent win for the Cavs as they head into their next game at Dyffryn next week. The Cavs would like to thank Julie for doing the teas, Anthony Brown Estate Agents, Chiropodist Roz Couzens, Cooperative Travel, Llantwit Major Autocentre, Oxford Lawns and Gardens, Simons Plaice, Sinclair Direct and Wave Design to Print for their much appreciated sponsorship of the club.

Comprehensive win for the Blue Bulls

Bridgend Blue Bulls leapt to the top of the Welsh Conference after an exciting 44-22 win over West Wales Reserves in Llanelli.

The first half was fairly competitive and feisty but Bridgend went in with an 18-6 lead. Aaron Harries crossed for their first, converted by Joe Symons but it was soon 6-6 through a Iwan Mayze try with Taylor Phillips converting.

Bridgend though are not champions for nothing and they stepped on the gas just before the interval, with Owen Thomas and Jack Dryden running in scores with Symons improving both.

The game was out of reach within 10 minutes of the restart as Thomas scored his second and Dale Wood followed him over. Symons converting the first, Thomas the second and the score was 30-6.

Mayze's second try brought the score back to 30-10 but it was a brief respite as Bridgend scored three more times, Henry Marrar, Marcus Thomas and Wood with Symons converting once.

But Raiders reserves weren't finished yet, one from Trystan Morgan and Mayze completing his hat-trick with further goals from Phillips bringing some respectability to a West Wales side that contained a number of debutants.

Llantwit ladies beat the league leaders

ON Sunday the members of Llantwit travelled to play a mixed match against our old friends at Brecon.

An enjoyable time was had by all and the bowling was excellent.

On Monday, it was the ladies' turn. They travelled to Bridgend to play a social match, president versus vice president, with clubs represented from all over Glamorgan.

It was a very enjoyable afternoon's bowling, followed by high tea at the Heronston Hotel. Thank you to the Glamorgan Executive for a well-organised afternoon.

Tuesday saw us playing at home against Kenfig Hill and Pyle, in another round of the Cowbridge Shield.

Margaret Morgan's rink lost 14-16 in what was a close game. Helen's team could not hold back the excellent bowling of the Kenfig ladies, losing 7-21.

Dilys's team, however, gave no quarter to the Kenfig ladies, winning comfortably 22-7.

On Thursday, we welcomed Penarth ladies who are top of the league table so we expected a tough game, and it was.

All rinks were close, with Carol's rink even on the last end and managing to get the one point to win their game 12-11.

Marian's rink stayed with Penarth until the last few ends, unfortunately losing 13-17. Julie's team played well, winning 18-11.

Well done ladies, we gained eight much needed points, which hopefully will put us in a stronger position in the league table.

CW

Good win for Llantwit

LLANTWIT'S second league match on Saturday was against Beddau, who arrived three players short

This made three of the matches a disjointed affair. Despite this, Llantwit won on all rinks for a 101-41 victory.

Steve Booker's rink stormed ahead from the start and were 12 shots up after seven ends. A score of six by Beddau on the ninth end reduced Llantwit's lead to five. Llantwit raised their game after this, winning most of the remaining ends to win by 14 shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink took the lead after the third end and they held from then, with Beddau winning only nine ends out of 21. Llantwit won comfortably by 14 shots.

Graham Jones' rink could not get going at the start of the match and it took until the 13th end before they went ahead. After this they took command, taking the majority of the remaining ends to win by 15.

Neville Young's rink continued their good league form, taking the lead on the third end. Llantwit were only troubled by Beddau's lead, who bowled well with the extra advantage of bowling three bowls. Llantwit overcome this to win by 18 shots. **NY**

Cowbridge Darts season presentation evening

by Paul Tasker

ON Saturday evening, June 11 the 2015-2016 Cowbridge Darts League concluded with a successful finals and presentation night. The Six Bells Inn, Penmark, hosted the event this year, and they were the perfect hosts.

The evening started with the finals of the doubles competition. First up were the ladies.

Both pairs played excellent darts but the winners were Hilarie Coles and Joan Burt (Old Post Ladies), this season's Ladies Doubles champions who defeated Pam Adams and Maureen Fleming (Farmers Arms) 2-0.

Then it was the men's turn. Martin Thomas and Paul Butcher (Edmondes 'B') started off strongly, winning the first leg, but Paul Cates and Luke Woolf (Highwayman Inn), are this season's Men's Doubles champions, since they responded with some excellent darts to win 3-1.

Following a break to enjoy the excellent buffet it was the turn of the singles competition. Again, first up were the ladies. This was a very close, high scoring match with Mickey Wilcox (Old Post Ladies), becoming this season's Ladies Singles champion, narrowly defeating Joan Burt (Old Post Ladies) 2-1. Then attention switched to the men's singles final.

This time there was no stopping a very determined Paul Butcher (Edmondes 'B') who became this season's Men's Singles champion by winning 3-0 against Nigel Thomas (Farmers Arms).

The evening concluded with presentations to the teams of all the other 2015-2016 season awards.

League champions: the Edmondes B and the runners-up Highwayman Inn.

Great Western Cup champions: the Farmers B (H&H) and runners-up Edmondes 'A'.

The Fours champions: the Edmondes 'B' (Martin Thomas, David Thomas, David Cheal, Paul Butcher, Martin Gaffney, Jonathan Cheal) and runners-up the Edmondes 'C' (Mark Dowling, Steve Huish, Noyle Burt, Richie Williams, Marc Lassimer).

The Mixed Doubles champions: Maureen Fleming, Nigel Thomas and Rob Jones (Farmers Arms) and runners-up Pam Adams, Tony Fox and Owen Carter (Farmers Arms).

The Clive Blick Trophy champions were Sally McCaver, Rob McCaver and John Izzard (Farmers 'B' – H&H) and runners-up were Maureen Fleming, Nigel Thomas, Rob Jones and Owen Carter (Farmers Arms).

Captain's Cup champion: Steve Simmonite (Edmondes 'A') and runner-up Ryan Gratton (Six Bells Inn).

Of great importance are the individual awards. The 180 shield went to Ryan Gratton who hit three during the season, 180 medals going to Martin Thomas and Simon Reader who hit two during the season and also Paul Butcher, John Fleig, and Rhys Jury who hit one.

The Men's Highest Out Cup went to William Wetherall (Llanharry) with a 118 three-dart out. Ladies' Highest Out Shield went to Emma Hole (Old Post Ladies), the league's youngest player with a 90 three-dart out.

After a thrilling raffle draw, the teams then danced the evening out. We now take a summer break, but the darts will return at the beginning of September.

Anyone wishing to join a team, or start a team are strongly encouraged to get in touch by e-mail at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com; up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Men's Singles finalists Paul Butcher and Nigel Thomas.

Ladies Singles champion Mickey Wilcox.

Men's Doubles champions Paul Cates and Luke Woolf.

Ladies Doubles champions Hilarie Coles and Joan Burt.

Giles appointed new Dinas Powys football manager

DINAS POWYS FC are delighted to announce that Paul Giles has taken over as first team manager at the Murch club.

It will be Paul's second spell with Dinas after a successful first spell, which saw him take the club from Division Three to Division One of the Welsh League.

Paul's professional career saw him play for Cardiff City, Exeter, Plymouth, Excelsior Rotterdam and FC Dortrecht in Holland and finally Newport County.

Paul is a manager of vast experience who has also managed at Barry Town (leading them to the Welsh Premier title), Inter Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, Dinas Powys, Grange Quins and more recently Rhoose, who he took from the South Wales Amateur League into the Welsh League.

Assisting Paul will be a management team of ex-Cardiff City player Tony Bird, ex-Sully manager Steve Hill and Dickie Batt, the former Barry Town and Merthyr player.

The committee at Dinas Powys would like to wish Paul and his team all the best for the forthcoming season. **RG**

GREAT BRANDS. GREAT SERVICE.
BEST DEALS AVAILABLE
THOUSANDS OF TYRES ALWAYS IN STOCK
OUR PRICES ARE ALL INCLUSIVE WITH NO HIDDEN EXTRAS
NITROGEN INFLATION
CALL US NOW FOR THE BEST TYRE DEALS FOR YOUR CAR.
NANKANG TYRES
The tyre with a lifetime hazard warranty
NANKANG
www.nankangtyre.co.uk
Nankang Tyre UK @NankangTyreUK

CELTIC TYRES
celtictyres
BRIDGEND
Bridgend Industrial Estate
01656 657424
Bridgend is Open 7 Days a week.
www.celtictyres.co.uk
CARDIFF
Brindley Rd, off Penarth Rd.
029 20 221201
Cardiff is Open 6 Days a week.
MOT not available at Cardiff
TYRES EXHAUSTS BATTERIES BRAKES SUSPENSION MOT

RED HOT JUNE SAVINGS

OVER 500 CARS IN GROUP STOCK

At FRF Toyota

South Wales' largest selection of nearly new Toyota's

DON'T MISS OUT WITH SAVINGS OF OVER £3,015** AGAINST NEW CAR PRICES!

16 PLATE
TOYOTA AYGO
1.0 VVT-I **X-PLAY** 3 DOOR
0 MILES
NEW ~~£10,195~~
SAVE £1,845**

FOR ONLY **£8,350**

OR FOR ONLY £129 DEPOSIT & FROM ONLY £129 PER MONTH 4.9% APR† REPRESENTATIVE

†Representative Example based on a 16 reg Toyota AYGO 1.0 VVT-i XPLAY 3dr

Cash Price	£8,350	48 X Monthly Payments of	£129.44
Total Deposit	£129	Final Optional Payment of (GFV)	£3,133.20
Balance to Finance	£8,221	Duration of Contract	49 months
Total Charges for Credit^	£1,125.32	Interest Rate (fixed)	2.52%
Total Amount Payable	£9,475.32	Representative APR	4.9%

^(Including £0 Acceptance Fee on first payment and £0 Option to purchase fee on last payment). Selected Maximum 8,000 Miles Per Year. Excess mileage charged at 14.9p per mile+VAT for the first 5,000 miles and twice that rate thereafter.

†Toyota Financial Services (UK) PLC; registered office Great Burgh, Burgh Heath, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5UZ. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Indemnities may be required. Finance subject to status to over 18s. Other finance offers are available but cannot be used in conjunction with this offer. Toyota Centres are independent of Toyota Financial Services. Terms and conditions apply. Affordable finance through AccessToyota. (GFV) Guaranteed Future Value.

16 PLATE
TOYOTA AYGO
1.0 VVT-I **X-CITE 2** 5 DOOR
0 MILES
NEW ~~£11,945~~
SAVE £1,695**

FOR ONLY **£10,250**

OR FOR ONLY £159 DEPOSIT & FROM ONLY £159 PER MONTH 4.9% APR† REPRESENTATIVE

13 PLATE
VOLKSWAGEN UP
MOVE UP 1.0 5 DOOR
11,000 MILES

FOR ONLY **£6,495**

OR FOR ONLY £99 DEPOSIT & FROM ONLY £109 PER MONTH 4.9% APR† REPRESENTATIVE

65 PLATE
FORD FIESTA
ZETEC 1.25 (82) 5 DOOR
9,574 MILES

FOR ONLY **£9,950**

OR FOR ONLY £159 DEPOSIT & FROM ONLY £159 PER MONTH 4.9% APR† REPRESENTATIVE

15 PLATE
FORD FOCUS
ZETEC 1.5 TDCI DIESEL (120)
5 DOOR HATCHBACK
15,568 MILES

FOR ONLY **£12,995**

OR FOR ONLY £199 DEPOSIT & FROM ONLY £199 PER MONTH 4.9% APR† REPRESENTATIVE

64 PLATE
TOYOTA YARIS
ICON 1.33 VVT-I
5 DOOR HATCHBACK
8,202 MILES

FOR ONLY **£8,950**

OR FOR ONLY £149 DEPOSIT & FROM ONLY £149 PER MONTH 4.9% APR† REPRESENTATIVE

14 PLATE
TOYOTA AYGO
MODE 1.0 VVT-I
3 DOOR HATCHBACK
14,071 MILES

FOR ONLY **£5,900**

OR FOR ONLY £99 DEPOSIT & FROM ONLY £99 PER MONTH 4.9% APR† REPRESENTATIVE

16 PLATE
TOYOTA YARIS
1.33 VVT-I **ICON** 5 DOOR
0 MILES
NEW ~~£14,265~~
SAVE £3,015**

FOR ONLY **£11,150**

OR FOR ONLY £189 DEPOSIT & FROM ONLY £189 PER MONTH 4.9% APR† REPRESENTATIVE

OVER 50% OF OUR STOCK ARE NON TOYOTA FRANCHISE

WITH EVERY USED CAR WE GIVE YOU...

- FREE FUEL ON SELECTED VEHICLES
- FREE MINIMUM 12 MONTHS' WARRANTY*
- FREE MOT FOR LIFE*
- FREE 12 MONTHS' AA ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE*
- FREE 6 MONTHS' SERVICE*
- OVER 150 CARS IN STOCK

OVER 500 USED CARS AVAILABLE IN GROUP STOCK - ALMOST CERTAINLY SOUTH WALES MOST AFFORDABLE CARS

FRF Toyota Used Cars
Tondu Road, **Bridgend**,
Mid Glamorgan CF31 4LH
01656 646646

SCAN HERE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE TO VIEW OUR USED CAR OFFERS ON OUR WEBSITE

www.facebook.com/frftoyota
twitter.com/frftoyota

CF31 4LH
Next to Bridgend RFC Brewery Field

MORE FRF TOYOTA USED CAR OFFERS ONLINE

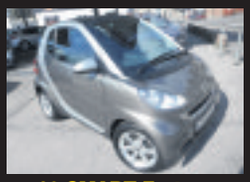
Prices correct at time of going to press/print/online. Offer available from 1st June 2016 when financed through Toyota Financial Services by 30th June 2016 on a 49 month AccessToyota (PCP) plan with £129 deposit. Toyota Financial Services (UK) PLC; registered office Great Burgh, Burgh Heath, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5UZ. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Indemnities may be required. Finance subject to status to over 18s. Other finance offers are available but cannot be used in conjunction with this offer. Toyota Centres are independent of Toyota Financial Services. Terms and conditions apply. Affordable finance through AccessToyota. †Finance subject to status, (Over 18's only), A guarantee may be required. Written quotations available on request. Models shown are for illustration purposes only. *Terms and conditions apply. **Savings advertised are against new list prices.

www.frftoyota.co.uk

GARY WATSON MOTOR CO.

A SUPERB SELECTION OF CARS TO SUIT YOU...

3-DOOR/5-DOOR • PETROL • AUTOMATIC • DIESEL

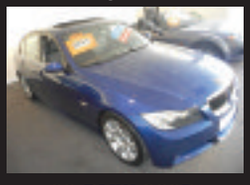


10 SMART Fortwo Pulse MHD Auto
In bronze, metallic, 46,000 miles, 1 owner
£3,995

13 RENAULT Grand Scenic D-Quettluxe NRG
In ice blue, 56,000 miles, top of the range
£10,995

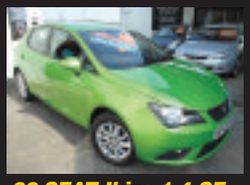
62 FORD Fiesta 1.2 Zetec
In pulse copper metalic, 6,000 miles
£7,995

13 CITROEN DS3 Style 1.6
In white, 23,000 miles, alloys, cruise control
£8,495

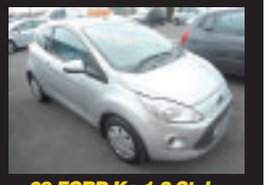


08 BMW 320D M-Sport Le Mans
In blue, suede trim, climate control saloon
£7,495

11 BMW X1 M-Sport 2.0 Diesel X Drive
In sapphire black, 41,000 miles with heated leather etc
£13,995



62 SEAT Ibiza 1.4 SE 5-Dr
Verde lime, 22,000 miles, 1 owner
REDUCED BY £1000 TO **£5,995**



09 FORD Ka 1.2 Style
In silver, 51,000 miles, £30 road tax
£3,695

60 MINI Clubman Cooper 1.6 Diesel 5-Dr
In met blue/met silver, 40,000 miles, chilli pack
£8,295

11 FIAT 500 Twinair
In red, 28,000 miles, 1 owner, free road tax, 'sporty looks'.
£5,795

11 RANGE ROVER Sport Autobiography 3.0 TDV6 Automatic. In black with full black/cream leather trim, 54,000 miles **£29,995**

12 MERCEDES S320 CDi BLUETEC Automatic In silver with black leather, 36,000 miles, Over £3000 of extras. On offer at **£23,995**

08 RANGE ROVER Sport 3.6 TDV8 Automatic. HST In met-grey, 86,000 miles, top of the range 4x4 ....**£17,495**

11 BMW X1 M-Sport 2.0 Diesel X Drive In sapphire black, 41,000 miles with heated leather etc....**£13,995**

09 BMW 335i M -Sport 4-Dr In black, with beige leather, 57,000 miles, Xenon etc....**£11,995**

13 RENAULT Grand Scenic D-Quettluxe NRG 1.6 Diesel 7 seater In ice blue with leather trim, 56,000 miles, top of the range **£10,995**

12 FORD Focus 1.6 TDCi ZETEC 'S' 5-Dr in met grey, 41,000 miles, fantastic mpg **£9,495**

15 HYUNDAI i20 Premium 1.2 5-Dr in met blue, diamond cut, alloys, bluetooth etc **£9,295**

12 PEUGEOT 508 Allure 2.0 Diesel In Iseo Blue, 47,000 miles with Bluetooth, heated seats etc..**£8,995**

12 MINI Cooper 1.6 In white silver with black roof, 23,000 miles. Very nice example **£8,995**

14 RENAULT Clio Dynamique MEDIA NAV ENERGY DCi 1.5 In Silver with Bluetooth, sat nav, alloys etc, free road test, only 39,000 miles, 1 owner **£8,695**

13 CITROEN DS3 Style 1.6 3-Dr Hatchback In white, 23,000 miles, alloys, cruise control etc **£8,495**

60 MINI Clubman Cooper 1.6 Diesel 5-Dr In met-blue/met-silver, 40,000 miles with chilli pack, pan-roof etc **£8,295**

62 FORD Fiesta 1.2 Zetec 5-Dr In pulse Copper metalic, 6,000 miles, £30 road tax....**£7,995**

62 VW Polo 1.2 Match 5-Dr. In black, 26,000 miles with alloys, bluetooth etc. **£7,995**

61 FORD Focus 1.6 TDCi Zetec 5-Dr. In silver, 45,000 miles, low running costs. **£7,995**

58 MERCEDES CLC 200 CDi Diesel Coupe Automatic In Silver, heated leather seats etc with only 53,000 miles **£7,995**

62 HYUNDAI IX20 Active CRDi 1.6 Diesel In White, only 23,000 miles with Bluetooth (stop start), alloys etc **£7,695**

12 RENAULT Megane GT Line Coupe 1.6 Turbo Diesel In met great with sat nav etc **£7,495**

60 MERCEDES B160 Blue Efficiency Sport MPV AMG. Alloys, Bluetooth, Half Leather Trim. **£7,495**

08 BMW 320D M-Sport Le Mans. In blue, suede trim, climate control saloon. **£7,495**

13 KIA Venga '2' Automatic 1.6 5-Dr In black, 37,000 miles, 1 owner, with parking sensors etc **£6,995**

63 SUZUKI Swift SZ3 DDis 5-Dr Diesel Hatchback In silver, alloys, bluetooth etc, 23,000 miles**£6,995**

62 FORD Fiesta Zetec 998cc 3-Dr In silver, free road tax, real value at **£6,995**

59 VW Golf Plus 1.4 TSi SE In silver, 50,000 miles, host of extras, superb example **£6,995**

59 MINI Cooper 1.6 Convertible In pure silver, 68,000 miles with over £2,500 of extras....**£6,995**

10 VOLVO C30 R-Design 2.0 Diesel In titanium grey, 68,000 miles, heated leather seats, Bluetooth, alloys **£6,795**

13 KIA Picanto '2' 1.0 5-Dr In white, 12,000 miles, 1 owner, free road tax, bluetooth etc....**£6,495**

61 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.4SE Automatic In met blue, 37,000 miles **£6,495**

11 VAUXHALL Insignia 1.8 SRi In met grey, 52,000 miles with sat nav, alloys **£6,495**

11 SKODA Fabia 1.2 TSi SE Plus In silver, 35,000 miles, 1 owner with climate control **£5,995**

60 SEAT Leon 1.2 TSi 'S' 5-Dr In black, 43,000 miles. Good looking car **£5,995**

10 VAUXHALL Astra 1.4 SE Turbo 5-Dr In silver, 55,000 miles, nice example REDUCED TO **£5,995**

13 VOLKSWAGON UP 1.0 Black Edition 51,000 miles, high spec, low running costs **£5,995**

61 SKODA Fabia 1.2 TDi Greenlink 5-Dr In red, 50,000 miles, 1 owner, "Free road tax"....**£5,995**

60 TOYOTA Yaris 1.3 VVTi TR 5-Dr In blue streak metallic, 12,100 miles from new **£5,995**

57 SUZUKI Jimny 1.3 In met-grey, 26,000 miles, 1 owner, 4-wheel drive....**£5,995**

62 SEAT Ibiza 1.4 SE 5-Dr In verde lime, 22,000 miles, 1 owner ..REDUCED BY £1000 TO **£5,995**

60 FORD Fiesta 1.2 Zetec 5-Dr. In met blue, 42,000 miles, A/C, alloys etc. **£5,995**

11 FIAT 500 Twinair. In red, 28,000 miles, 1 owner, free road tax, 'sporty looks' **£5,795**

64 SUZUKI Alto S23 5-Dr In white, 10,000 miles, 1 owner, free road tax **£5,495**

11 TOYOTA Yaris 1.3 VVTi T-Spirit 5-Dr In met-grey, 63,000 miles, high spec **£5,495**

10 RENAULT Twingo 1.6 Gordini Sports In malte blue, 33,000 miles with leather etc....**£5,495**

59 VW Polo 1.2 Hatch 5-Dr. In silver, 11,000 miles from new, 1 owner, superb condition....**£5,495**

59 FORD FIESTA 1.2 Zetec 5-Dr In met-blue, 54,000 miles with a/c, alloys, etc ....REDUCED TO **£4,995**

59 HONDA Jazz 1.4 V-Tec Ex In electric blue, with panoramic roof .... REDUCED TO **£4,995**

11 FORD Fiesta 1.2 Zetec 3-Dr In black, 66,000 miles, with alloys, a/c etc **£4,995**

09 SEAT Leon 1.6 Emocion 5-Dr In silver, 29,000 miles, very nice example at **£4,995**

11 FORD Fiesta 1.2 Edge 3-Dr In met-silver, 54,000 miles, low insurance **£4,695**

60 RENAULT Clio 1.2 Dynamique TOM-TOM 5-Dr In black, only 26,000 miles with sat-nav....**£4,695**

10 HYUNDAI i10 Comfort 1.2 5-Dr In silver, only 11,000 miles, low running costs **£4,495**

09 FORD Fiesta 1.4 Style+ 5-Dr Automatic In met blue, 61,000 miles....**£4,495**

56 HONDA Civic 1.8 ES 5-Dr In electric blue, 52,000 miles with pan-roof **£4,495**

61 RENAULT Clio 1.2 Dynamique 3-Dr In silver, 64,000 miles with sat-nav, alloys etc **£4,295**

60 FORD Ka 1.2 Zetec In violet metalic, low miles, 1 owner, £30 road tax....**£3,995**

11 TOYOTA Aygo 'Blue' 1.0 5-Dr 54,000 miles, £20 road tax, low insurance ....REDUCED TO **£3,995**

10 SMART Fortwo Pulse MHD Auto In bronze, metallic, 46,000 miles, 1 owner **£3,995**

59 SKODA Fabia 1.2 HTP 5-Dr In red, very nice example with only 19,000 miles **£3,995**

59 SMART Fortwo Passion Auto In red/silver, 21,000 miles, glass roof etc.... ....REDUCED BY £300 TO **£3,995**

09 PEUGEOT 308 XL 1.6 Diesel 5-Dr In met-grey, 76,000 miles, low running costs **£3,995**

58 SKODA Fabia 2 HTP 1.2 5-Dr. Met Grey, 50,000 miles, nice example **£3,795**

11 SUZUKI Alto SZ3 1.0 5-Dr In red, 47,000 miles, low running costs, plus £20 road tax **£3,695**

09 FORD Ka 1.2 Style (New Shape) In silver, 51,000 miles, £30 road tax **£3,695**

07 TOYOTA Yaris 1.3 Zinc 5-Dr Auto In met-silver, 65,000 miles **£3,695**

57 RENAULT Clio 2.0 Dynamique S In black, 63,000 miles with pan-roof, keyless-go etc **£3,295**

58 FIAT Grand Punto 1.4 Dynamic 3-Dr In met-blue, 63,000 miles, low running costs **£2,995**

06 VOLVO S40 1.6S In silver, 70,000 miles, very nice family saloon at **£2,995**

57 FORD Fiesta Style Climate 1.2 3-Dr In tango red, only 51,000 miles, alloys, Ipod connector ..**£2,795**

07 VOLKSWAGON Urban Fox 1.2 In red, 59,000 miles, low insurance **£2,695**

3-DOOR/5-DOOR • PETROL • AUTOMATIC • DIESEL

ALL CARS SUPPLIED WITH NEW MOT AND 3 MONTHS RAC WARRANTY
JUST A SMALL SELECTION OF OUR COMPREHENSIVE RANGE IN STOCK. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS.
FINANCE PACKAGES TO SUIT ALL • 0% DEPOSIT FINANCE AVAILABLE • ALL CARS HPi CLEAR • PART EXCHANGE WELCOME
OPEN 7 DAYS CARS BOUGHT FOR CASH • ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS TAKEN

BROAD STREET, BARRY CF62 7AE (NEXT TO TRAIN STATION) 01446 722600

hpi RAC

www.GARYWATSONMOTORCOMPANY.co.uk

blackhorse

MULTI PHOTOS FULL DESCRIPTION ON WEBSITE

BLAST FROM THE PAST – 1993

BY BRIAN LEE

THIS week, GEM columnist Brian Lee, who this year is celebrating 50 years of reporting on the Welsh hunt-racing scene, takes a look at a piece he wrote for The GEM and which appeared on April 29, 1993.

'Unlike the Aintree Grand National, the 12 runners in the Welsh point-to-point Grand National over four miles at the Pentyrch steeplechases at Llantwit Major got off to a good start. Most of the early running was made by Tim Jones' mount *Pat Steel,* but the 1990 winner – 11-year-old *Shuttlecock Star* – drew clear after jumping the 19th of the 25 fences to win easily by 25 lengths from 13-year-old *Majestic Buck*.

Shuttlecock Star, who was winning for the third time this season, was ridden by Newport's Andrew Price. The local hope, *St Helen's Boy*, who had won last year's race, trailed in fifth and last place.

Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn landed a double with *Chibougama* (maiden division two) and *Duke of Impney* (maiden division three) to bring his career total of wins to an incredible 261. Only two other riders in the history of the sport have ridden more winners than Llewellyn who is surely a candidate for the Welsh Sportsperson Hall of Fame.

Unfortunately, point-to-point racing which produced the famed Anthony and Rees brothers, Fulke Walwyn, Hywel Davies and Carl Llewellyn, does not get a look-in in the rugby and soccer-orientated press.

(NB I still feel strongly about this after all these years of promoting a sport very close to my heart. The only time one hears from sports editors is when an injured rider is on a life support machine.)

Llewellyn has ridden 18 winners over the Moorlands course, which is two more wins than any other rider.

David Stephens had the restricted race all sewn up on his father's *Belhelvie*, who made nearly all the running, but unfortunately his weight cloth came off just 10 yards from the winning post. The race was awarded to Jon Parry Keen's mount *Origami* who would have been a well-beaten 20 lengths second.

Stephens had quick consolation when winning the first division of the split maiden on eight-year-old *Polly Pringle,* who had eight lengths to spare over *Bachelor's Pet* at the finish. *Lexden* was an impressive winner of the third division under David Jones who was standing in for Robert Rowsell, then suffering from concussion after falling from *Tanegrus* in the restricted open.

Earlier in the day, Robert had won the members' race on his father's *Castle Farm*. Joe Price made it four wins in a row on nine-year-old *Taureen Tycoon* who took up the running approaching the second last to win the confined by 15 lengths from *Chief Ironside*.

There was a good class field for the ladies' open which was won by Candy Thomas on *Up The Ladder*.

Llangeinor's new course

The Llangeinor point-to-point steeplechases are being held for the first time at Caegawr Farm, Margam, Bridgend, on Saturday, May 1, and racegoers have a special treat in store for them. For the country's leading point-to-pointer, the grey *Brunico* who is known as The Desert Orchid of Wales (it was me who gave him that name!) is an intended runner for the men's open race.

Brunico, who last week won the classic Lady Dudley Cup at the Worcestershire meeting for the second year running, is a quirky character and a former top class flat and hurdles performer who has captured the hearts of thousands of enthusiasts with his brave performances on all types of going.

He has chalked-up 22 wins between the flags and has raced all over the country from his Pembrokeshire stable.

Trained by Peter Bowen and ridden by Ron Treloggen, *Brunico* – with seven wins this season – is on target to retain The Daily Telegraph Champion Horse Trophy.

Another leading point-to-pointer is the local mare *Daisy Miller* who beat *Brunico* when he ran out on one occasion earlier in the season and ran a close second on another.

If David Brace's *Lucky Ole Son* lines up for the members' race, the tip should be taken. An exciting day's racing is promised.'

You can e-mail your stories or pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone him on 02920736438.

Wenvoe hosts Welsh team championship

THIS year's Welsh Ladies Team Championship will be held at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club – the first time the club has hosted the event.

GUW Chairman Val Franklin said: "We are delighted to be able to bring this event to Wenvoe Castle.

"The ladies Team Championship is one of the highlights of the GUW calendar and is eagerly anticipated by many clubs from across Wales."

While defending champions Newport will undoubtedly be among the favourites to do well once again, they will not have things all their own way.

Royal St David's, a regular side in the closing stages of the championship and last year's runners-up, will bring a strong team. Last year's losing semi-finalists Creigiau and Wrexham are also represented and feature in the same side of the draw as Newport and Royal St David's.

In the other half of the draw, Southerndown, winners for three years in a row in 2012, 2013 and 2014 will be looking to improve on their quarter final position from last year but face an intriguing first round match against a strong St Pierre.

Other first round matches include the local derby between The Glamorganshire and Dinas Powys, while host club Wenvoe Castle have drawn nearby St Mary's for their first game.

Wenvoe Castle Secretary Nicola Sims said: "As a regular supporter and past winner of the Ladies Team Championship, we are delighted to be hosting this year's event.

"We look forward to welcoming all of the players and their supporters to our club. The course is in great condition and I am sure will be thoroughly enjoyed by all of the teams."

The four day event starts on Thursday, June 16, with the final taking place in the morning of Sunday, June 19.

Visitors are welcome to come and watch this year's finals of one of Wales' longest established golf tournaments.

ChipsAway
Scratches and scuffs won't dent your pocket
Professional quality, **paintwork repairs** at a fraction of traditional body shop costs
• Quick • Convenient • Fully Guaranteed
✓Bumper Scuffs ✓Alloy Wheels
✓Paintwork Scratches ✓ Minor Dents
To arrange for your **free estimate** call
Paul Jarvis 07904 840202
0800 028 7878

'Thank God for football'

says local Methodist minister

CALLING all football fans! Rev Peter Taylor (local Methodist minister) is to lead an event titled 'Thank God for Football'.

This will be a relaxed event which seeks to celebrate this summer of football and remember some of its Christian church origins in the UK.

'Thank God for Football' takes place on Friday, June 17 from 7pm – the day after the Wales versus England Euro 2016 match.

The event will be held at Barry Town United Social club, on Barry Road.

All in the local community and local churches who love football and sport are welcome and it is suitable for teens and adults.

A free event, it includes a quiz, sports-related songs, and a look at a documentary that explores 'the beautiful game'.

There will be a short talk about football and faith and refreshments will be available to purchase.

For more information, contact Rev Peter Taylor on 406262; email revpete@live.co.uk or see the Facebook page, Vale of Glamorgan Methodist Circuit.

Cowbridge girl flies out to South Africa with under-21s

FORMER Cowbridge Comprehensive pupil Lydia Hitchings has been selected to represent Wales Under-21s in a three test series against South Africa.

The 19-year-old goal shoot, who plays for the Junior Celtic Dragons and Wales Under-21s hopes to add to her Under-17s caps and her debut cap against Northern Ireland, at Netball Europe in Aberdeen last year.

She said: "I'm really looking forward to travelling to South Africa. We have been training very hard with the senior squad and I have been really focused on my shooting.

"We can't wait to get on court and we know they are going to be really physical, so we're ready for the challenge"

The under-21 squad accompanied the senior Welsh netball squad, who flew out to Durban on Sunday, June 12, and both teams will compete in the six match (three test) Spar Challenge series from June 17 to 19 at the Durban Ice Arena.

Head coach Trish Wilcox said: "This is an opportunity for us to measure ourselves against one of the top five teams in the world."

This is Wales' first visit to South Africa, but the senior squads have met 11 times before, whilst the under-21s have played against each other five times

The under-21 Wales team will take advantage of the opportunity to prepare for their Netball Europe tournament in October 2016.

Lydia Hitchings

Megan (13) celebrates hole-in-one at Cottrell Park

Megan Cullinane celebrating her hole-in-one.

THE juniors at Cottrell Park Golf Club have made a great start to the golf year, at the club's 20th golf day.

This was celebrated by junior Jordan Standing, winning with 43 points.

The juniors had their monthly medal on June 5, and what a game it was. Megan Cullinane managed a hole in one on the ninth hole on the Button. She understandably was over the moon but said that it was not her best shot, and only realised that it was a hole-in-one when her other team mates started cheering.

The match was the day before her 13th birthday, so it was a fantastic way to celebrate, as she will also receive a Hugo Boss watch from golf site 'How Did I Do'.

In the very same competition, Iestyn James parred the course which is 72. There were smiles all around even if Megan's father Mike had to buy a lot of drinks for everyone, which is a golf tradition.

The juniors run a variety of competitions for all abilities from fun competitions to league and medal competitions. Newly appointed junior organiser Mike Cullinane stated that it's important to include all children of all abilities, regardless of handicap.

Coaching is run on various days, from development to course-ready juniors, run by golf pro Gareth Bennett. Should you be interested in your children giving it a go call 01446 781781 for more information.

Penarth Belle Vue Bowling Club opens 2016 season

PENARTH Belle Vue Bowling club played its first league game of the season on June 4, with two rinks winning and two going down.

Rink one lead was Richard Fitzjohn, No 2 Dave Smith, No 3 Dave Miller and Captain Malcolm Thomas was skip; they had a good win, 26 – 12.

Rink two lost 27 – 13. Lead was Paul Booth, No 2 John Whitfield, No 3 Barrie Bagwell; skip was Purser.

Rink three lead was Frank Keen; No 2 Graham Duggan, No 3 Colin Scammell and skip was Paul Paterson; they went down 34 – 13.

Rink four was our other winning rink, 23 – 16. Lead was Rowland Fletcher, No 2 Richard Brant, No 3 Len Fowler and skip Trevor Ford.

The game was played in a very friendly way. Everybody enjoyed the light-hearted banter and Roath Park's teas were excellent.

Thank you, Roath Park Bowling Club.

FRANK KEEN

Penarth Bowling Club news

ON a lovely summer evening at Penarth, Belle Vue played The Murch Bowling Club in the Munro Cup on Wednesday, June 8.

In a very even game, Belle Vue lost by two shots 52-54. Two winning rinks each, but the main points went to The Murch (10 points) and 4 points to Belle Vue.

Rink one won 17-10; lead was captain Frank Keen, No 2 Gordon Ford, No 3 Paul Paterson and new skip Barrie Bagwell.

Rink two won 22-8; lead was Colin Scammell, No2 was Paul Booth, No 3 Alan Thomas and skip was Len Fowler.

Rink three lost 7-29; lead was Dave Smith, No 2 was Dave Rappitt, No 3 Graham Duggan and skip Dave Miller.

Rink four lost 16-17; lead Rowland Fletcher, No 2 Richard Brant, No 3 John Whitfield and skip Trevor Ford.

A big thank you to Malcolm Thomas for providing the food, to Paul Booth and Barrie Bagwell for looking after the drinks and to Gordon Ford for his washing-up skills.

FK

CAR HIRE FROM £25 PER DAY
• Nissan Micra
• Ford Focus
• Ford Focus Estate
• Ford Fiesta
• Kombi Transporters
• 6 seater Volkswagen
• Volkswagen 9 Seater Minibuses

WICK car & van hire
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
FULL DETAILS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:
01656 660160
(ALL PRICES EXCLUDE VAT)

FLYING THE FLAG FOR WALES!

New-look All Blacks find Gatland's braves are no push-over

Wales' tourists magnificent in defeat

BACK PAGE COMMENT
by Don John

AS the TV cameras cut to the All Blacks' dressing room at half time in the first test against Wales at Eden Park, Auckland, head coach Steve Hansen could be glimpsed laying down the law to the world champions, who had been shocked by a blistering 40-minute display by the fired-up tourists in red, and were trailing 15-18 at the change-over.

In the melting pot was a record first Welsh victory in New Zealand and the ending of a dismal run of 26 defeats since 1963. Incredibly, the young Queen Elizabeth was just ascending her throne in 1953 when the Dragon last singed the Kiwi's feathers - that peerless 'prince of centres' Bleddyn Williams leading Wales to a famous 13-8 victory at the old National Stadium - and doubling the feat with his Cardiff club.

To put it all in overall context, the 30-match playing history between the two nations stretching way back to the first one contentiously edged by Wales in 1905, had read: New Zealand 27 - Wales 3: Total points scored, New Zealand 916 - Wales 202

Whatever the blunt-speaking Hansen said at half time had the desired effect, but it would take his newly-re-built side right up to the final quarter of a breathless, non-stop encounter to wrest the lead and overcome heroic Welsh resistance; though the final score - 37-21 - did scant justice to a spirited effort that for over an hour had dangled the heady prospect of a shock result that would have reverberated around the rugby world.

As Wales' head coach, Warren Gatland, said proudly afterwards: "We were brilliant for 60 minutes", though he candidly admitted "the players were blowing a bit" in the final stages against relentless opponents who were "used to playing at a much higher level"

Pre-match talk among pundits and social media had been of All Blacks in transition, following the retirement of several world renowned names, but it was surely fanciful to suggest New Zealand were "vulnerable"?

As Hansen himself pointed out, the new line-up were experienced players in their own right and fully in tune with the All Black ethos, despite the six changes made - a view seemingly vindicated when his team almost immediately went into the lead from the opening whistle, after the tourists were penalised.

Minutes later, however, Wales displayed a spirit of adventure that has been absent for far too long and launched a swift-moving handling attack that saw outstanding No 8, Taulupe Faletau, round it off in the corner for a try, converted by outside half Dan Biggar, who also landed two penalties as the All Blacks were forced into uncharacteristic handling errors and infringements

However, they had hit back with two first half tries, one unconverted, to make the score 15-11, only for scrum-half Rhys Webb to complete a scintillating first half for Wales with a typical touchdown, easily converted by Biggar, to restore his side's lead to 18-15. at the interval.

Six minutes after the interval, Webb made a try-saving tackle but the All Blacks drew level (18-18) with a penalty smack in front of the posts, and despite another successful penalty by Biggar, the hosts turned the screw as the game entered the final quarter, running in three tries (the last, heartbreakingly, with 82 minutes on the clock). Earlier both sides had had a try disallowed by the English referee Wayne Barnes.

The result was a flattering but in the end deserved 39-21 win for the world champs, who, nevertheless, knew they had been given a tough test by a Wales team aiming to bury memories of the Twickenham collapse, and it sets the scene for another exciting second test in Wellington on Saturday

Robson Kanu sends Wales into dreamland and next up are the English in Lens!

by Gareth Jamieson, the GEM's man in Bordeaux!

THE first game of any tournament is a tricky one – you want to set out your stall, show what you're capable of and make a winning start, but are more than aware that to start the tournament with a defeat can put you on the back foot.

With Wales, add in the pressure of a nation priming itself to make up for 58 years of defeat and disaster – not that this squad would allow themselves to be distracted by the emotion of the occasion, as they have shown in the last 12 months – and the game against Slovakia in Bordeaux on Saturday took on even greater significance than usual.

With a stadium seemingly spilling over with Welsh fans, red overpowering the white of Slovakia, Chris Coleman's men took to the field knowing that having already achieved the goal of qualifying for a major tournament, the next step was to show that they belong on the European stage.

In a game that ebbed and flowed throughout, it seemed that the large Welsh contingent in the Stade de Bordeaux (and the thousands watching in fan zones both in Bordeaux and Cardiff) were going to have to settle for a draw, Gareth Bale's wonderful free kick being cancelled out by Ondrej Duda's effort – but cometh the hour, cometh the man.

Hal Robson Kanu, who proved throughout qualifying he was pivotal to Wales' attacking game with his ability to create space for the likes of Bale and Ramsey, ran on to a pass by the latter and his scuffed finish rolled into the corner of the net, sending the fans wild and creating another slice of history for this group of players, the first British team in the history of the tournament to win their opening game.

The result became even more important later that evening as England were stunned by a late equaliser in their game with Russia, leaving Coleman's team sitting top of the pile in Group B ahead of their game with Roy Hodgson's men this afternoon (Thursday).

For a game that was already in the spotlight given the derby nature of it, even more significance will now be placed on the end result – a win for Wales would almost certainly ensure qualification for the next stage (and severely dent England's ambitions). A draw will leave both sides' fate in their own hands, while an England victory would leave the group looking open going into the final round of matches.

As soon as the final whistle blew on Russia-England, the mind games began, Gareth Bale questioning England's pride and passion and stating that they "big themselves up before they've done anything", accusations that were defended with more than a little annoyance by both Roy Hodgson and Wayne Rooney, Hodgson labelling the comments "disrespectful".

The ever-controversial Jack Wilshere then claimed that England had the better players and better team, only for ITV pundit Craig Bellamy to suggest that Wales had a better team unity and, more importantly, the best player out of the two teams in Gareth Bale, rubbishing Wilshere's comments – all good banter, but proof, if any were needed, how high the stakes are in Lens later today.

Arguably the pressure lays squarely on England – anything other than a win will put their participation in the tournament past the group stages in serious risk (not including the behaviour of their fans, the unsavoury events in Marseille casting a dark pall over the tournament).

England chasing the game will suit Wales' game plan perfectly, playing tight and allowing Bale to use his pace on the counter-attack to run at the creaking English defence.

Avoiding defeat will be the most important thing, but Wales will definitely feel that if they play further up the pitch than they did on Saturday they can take the game to England.

Should Robson Kanu start the game then Wales will have no problems doing that – his presence will occupy the English defence allowing Bale to attack from deep, something that helped Wales beat Slovakia; up to the point of Robson Kanu's introduction (and the thankfully fully-fit Joe Ledley), Wales were being pushed further and further back by Slovakia, and Bale leading the line (being supported by the phenomenal Jonny Williams) meant Wales weren't getting forward in enough numbers to test the Slovaks.

Play further up the field today and Wales should feel more confident and assured of getting a positive result against our neighbours. It's fascinatingly poised and a nervy and exciting afternoon is in store for supporters of both countries – can Wales add England to their list of scalps? Don't bet against them...

Photograph by Gareth Jamieson.

Photo by Huw Evans Agency.

1996 2016
Cottrell Park
Celebrating Twenty Years
19th Hole

4 Ball Offer!
+
Four FREE Pints
in the Clubhouse afterwards!
Terms & conditions apply
From £65
01446 781781
WWW.COTTRELLPARK.COM
ST. NICHOLAS, CARDIFF,
VALE OF GLAMORGAN CF5 6SJ
Winner of The Welsh Golf Club of the Year Award 2015
SUMMER GREENS • SUMMER TEES • SUMMER FAIRWAYS